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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Agreement At Last

GENERAL satisfaction will be felt in the free world over the agreement reached in Paris by the six European Army nations on Germany's contribution to the defence of Western Europe. Fifteen months of difficult negotiations, marked by mutual suspicions and recriminations, have not provided an edifying spectacle, and those who wondered if the European nations were able or willing to cast off their antagonisms and combine in self-defence measures could be forgiven their oft-expressed doubts. All outstanding differences between the six nations have been resolved and the only two unsettled questions—the duration of the European Army Treaty which is to be signed and the rights of European Army troops when stationed abroad—are not expected to present any difficulties when they are discussed today. Though the imminent signing of the European Army Treaty is now assured, the agreement requires ratification. The international situation generally demands that considerably more speed be shown in this process than has been demonstrated in the shamefully drawn-out treaty negotiations.

PARALLEL with the European Army negotiations are the discussions at Bonn between powers and the Allied German treaties. These talks have virtually reached a conclusion, and signature of the contractual agreements, granting Western Germany virtual independence, is expected next week. The two agreements will align the policy of the Bonn Government with that of the West; they also serve as a reminder, if one were needed, that the Russian tactics of intimidation over Germany have failed. Whether, as has been suggested, the new agreements will result in Russia denouncing the Potsdam Agreement coupled with a demand for Western evacuation of Berlin, remains to be seen. The Western Powers, however, must be ready to meet new provocative, perhaps perilous, Russian tactics, at the same time having as their supreme aim, the eventual unification of Germany as a free, Democratic State.

One Step Nearer European Unity

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE "EDEN PLAN" Conference At Strasbourg

Strasbourg, May 22. European unity took another step forward in Strasbourg tonight. Ministers of 15 nations reached tentative agreement on the next stage of what has been called the "Eden Plan."

The Plan proposes that the Strasbourg Assembly—members of Parliament from most nations of Free Europe—should be linked with the European army and the coal-steel pool. The main objection has come from neutral Sweden.

Meeting in the glass and concrete headquarters of the Council of Europe, the Ministers gave a cautious blessing to the scheme, but decided to make no formal statement until Friday. It was believed tonight they would place Mr Eden's proposals before the six countries participating in the army and coal-steel pool, and also ask the Assembly itself to vote on them.

The Turkish representative today put forward a resolution supporting the British plan, which the Committee of Ministers agreed to accept as a basis. They appointed a sub-committee which will meet on Friday morning to put this decision into formal wording.

The Turkish amendment to the plan proposed that the six nations of the European army and the Schuman Plan and the Consultative Assembly should all be linked to give their views on the British proposal and give it their co-operation.

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The 15-nation body, composed of most of the countries on the "Western" side of the Iron Curtain, has reached the crux of its three years of attempts to unite non-Communist Europe.

The basis of today's talk was the "Eden plan"—a proposal by the British Foreign Secretary to link the Strasbourg body with two schemes for European unification: the Schuman coal and steel pool and the European Defence Community.

Mr Eden went into the meeting prepared to give a full account of his plan.

Both the coal pool and the army pool cover six of the nations in the Strasbourg Council—France, Germany, Italy and Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

On the one hand, Sweden is believed to view with suspicion any scheme which would give the Council of Europe any say in the matters of defence.

universities in another member country of the Council of Europe. Conference quarters here do not exclude the possibility that the German delegation, headed by the Secretary of State Mr Walter Hallstein, would object to the convention being signed by the representative of the Saar.—Reuter.

GERMAN TREATY Bonn, May 22. The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, and the Allied High Commissioners tonight reached a full agreement on the 400-page treaty system which will end the present Occupation regime and bring Western Germany into European defence.

Dr Adenauer announced that they cleared up the outstanding question of the division of Western Germany's financial contribution between the German forces in the European Defence Community and the upkeep of Allied troops in Germany.

"Dr Adenauer, beaming visibly, said after the last meeting tonight—the 33rd in nine months—"We have reached complete general agreement on the financial division."

The agreement was being put on paper by experts and would be submitted to all four negotiators on Friday.

No further meeting would be required, he said.

It had originally been said that the Chancellor and the High Commissioners would have to leave this tricky point over to the Foreign Ministers, who arrive in Bonn on Friday.

The only points now left for the Foreign Ministers' decision, according to Chancellor Adenauer, were:

1. The position of French and Belgian troops in Germany after the end of the Occupation.

2. The possibility of putting certain parts of the treaty system into operation before ratification is completed.

3. Giving the treaty system a name plus a few lesser points described by Dr Adenauer as "trivialities".—Reuter.

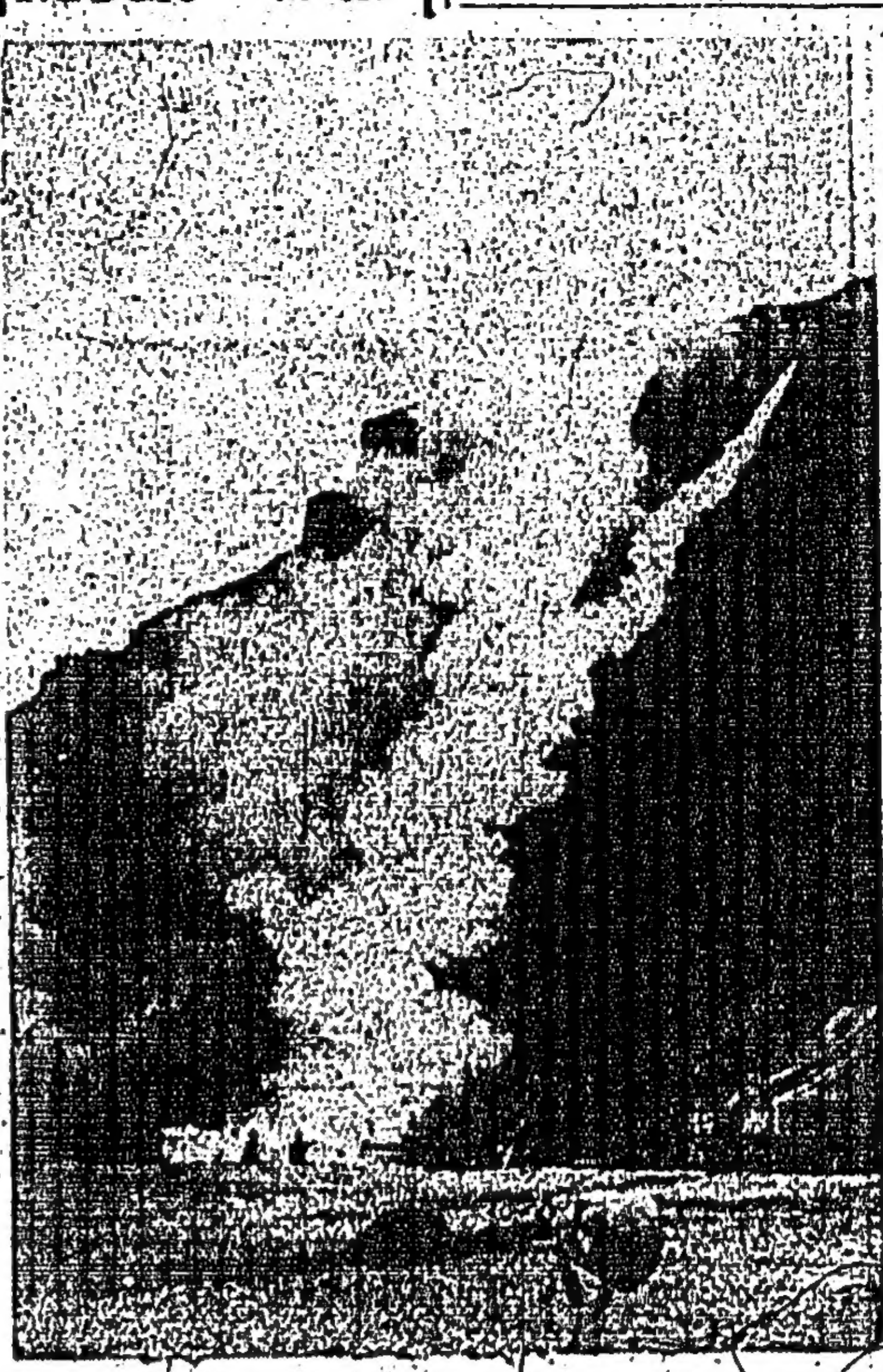
OPPOSITION BOYCOTT Bonn, May 22. Opposition forces will boycott the expected signing on Monday of the treaty ending the Occupation of West Germany, the party's Press Chief, Fritz Heine, said tonight.

He told Reuter no Social Democrat would attend the signing ceremony, not even Heinrich Kopf, the Social Democrat President of the Bundestag (upper house), where the signing ceremony is due to take place.

He said Kopf had assured him of this in a telephone conversation from Hanover, where he lives.—Reuter.

Injured RAF Sgt Improving The condition of Sgt Walters, of the RAF, who was found in the bathroom of his room in the Prince Hotel, Kowloon, last evening with severe wounds in his throat, wrists and abdomen, apparently caused by a knife, was said to be improving this morning, when enquiries were made. He is under treatment at Kowloon Hospital.

Realistic Mock War



Mortars fire rope ladders to the top of the cliffs ready for scaling by Royal Marine Commandos in Exercise Runaround, held at Culver Cliff in the Isle of Wight. More than 800 servicemen took part in this exercise—the biggest amphibious and cliff assault demonstration since the war.—London Express.

US Soldier Sentenced To Death

Murdered Germans

Nuremberg, May 22. A US Army Court Martial on Thursday sentenced a 19-year-old American soldier to death for the highway murder of two Germans.

Pvt. John F. Vignault, of Goffs Falls, N.H., described by the defence as a temperamental child, too backward even to be allowed at target practice with his fellow GIs took the sentence with no show of emotion.

He broke into sobs after he was led from the court room.

Vignault is believed to be the first American to be sentenced to death for killing a German since the end of the war.

Although the 10-officer court did not specify the usual army method of carrying out the death sentence is on the gallows. As in all military court cases, however, the sentence is subject to review by higher authorities and confirmation by the President of the United States.

The two murdered Germans were Karl Eckart, a business man and Lothar Schlosser, 20.

An army carbine early in the morning of April 19 after drinking beer at a tavern with Vignault and another soldier.

Many Germans listened silently as the sentence was read. Many of them were neighbours and friends of Schlosser.—Associated Press.

Police Ready For Reds

Paris, May 22. Paris today alerted 18,000 riot police under orders to smash any violence in mass demonstration against General Mathew B. Ridgway, new Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, called for tomorrow by the Communists.

The city authorities are prepared to mass Police squads at strategic points throughout the city, ready to move to any sector where violence threatens.—United Press.

Koje POWs Set Up Own Guards

Preventing Captives From Escaping

Koje Island, May 22. Defiant Communist prisoners of war posted their own guards inside turbulent Kojé compounds today, apparently to prevent pro-Allied fellow captives from escaping.

The hard core of incorrigible Reds, wearing uniforms and arm-bands but without weapons, stood at posts 50 feet apart in notorious Compound 78 where more than 6,000 Communist held Brigadier-General Francis Dodd hostage for 78 hours.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Communist sentries grabbed one prisoner who tried to escape this evening.

The Reds appeared determined that none of their fellow prisoners who have become anti-Communists would escape to the outside and pass on information to Allied prison officials.

United Nations authorities said that the Red leaders were concerned over possible escapes because their Communist right plans and the details of their prisoner organisation set-up might fall into Allied hands.

Any escape also would weaken the strict discipline under which the Red leaders keep their fellow prisoners.

United Nations officers and guards indicated that they would welcome the escape of any prisoner elements friendly to the Allies.

The presence of the Red sentries was noted when the Eighth Army Commander, General James Van Fleet, visited Kojé Island today.—United Press.

Cripps Memorial Service

London, May 22. Scores of British and foreign statesmen, including representatives from India, were among the 1,500 people who attended a service at Westminster Abbey today in memory of Sir Stafford Cripps, former British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Sir Stafford died in Zurich on April 21.

Queen Elizabeth II was represented and among those who attended were Prime Minister Winston Churchill and leader of the Opposition Clement Attlee.—Reuter.

Police Hunt For Stolen Poison

London, May 22. After all night efforts, Glasgow police are still trying today to find a box containing eight ounces of potassium cyanide, enough to kill 200 people.

With two coats, the box was stolen from a parked car.

One sniff from the box could prove fatal.—Reuter.

Briton's 4½ Years In Soviet Gaol

Bad Oeynhausen, May 22. A British soldier, Denis Eggleston, 25, who said the Russians gaoled him for four and a half years after he left his regiment in October, 1947, was sentenced by a court martial here today to 147 days' detention for absence without leave.

Among those giving evidence in his favour was an East German girl, Anneliese Falk, who helped Eggleston to escape from an East German work party and is now engaged to him.

She told the court: "If the escape attempt had failed I would have gone to prison for 25 years and my fiancé would have gone for good."

Eggleston was originally charged with desertion, but the court convicted him on the lesser charge of absence without leave and counted only the period from February 13 this year, when he was released from his East German prison, to April 16, when he gave himself up to British military authorities in West Berlin.

In his final speech, defending officer Major G. Budham pleaded that Eggleston was "temporarily unsuited to serve in a peacetime army" and he asked the court to take into account his four and a half years in gaol in circumstances where other men went mad.—Reuter.

Nationwide Search For Mail Thieves

Scotland Yard Has Three Clues

London, May 22. The Postmaster-General, Earl de la Warr, told the House of Lords today that £200,000 was involved in yesterday's ambush of a Post Office van in a London street by seven masked and armed thieves.

But it is reported that £100,000 was still in the van when it was found abandoned.

A reward of £24,500 has been offered for information leading to the recovery of the stolen money.

Meanwhile, the Police mobilised throughout Britain today in a man-hunt for the seven masked bandits.

They ambushed the van in Central London, attacked its three Post Office personnel and drove off with the van.

The Police met in a conference at Scotland Yard and considered a plan to arm Post Office employees with a weapon—a fire-arm—which, it is understood, would hurt attackers in a range of between 15 and 18 feet. It is already carried by security officers in charge of large sums of money taken to London banks.

COMB UNDERWORLD Today, Scotland Yard's Flying Squad, combed London's underworld searching for clues.

They seek a link between the gang and a Post Office informer who may have helped them to raid.

As they searched, reports came that three bags of registered parcels had been tampered with aboard a mail train from London to Manchester.

Further details were not known immediately.

In the House of Lords today, Earl de la Warr related earlier reports that the haul in the London van robbery included £45,000 in jewellery. He also revealed that an alarm bell in the van had been tampered with.

The Police believe that yesterday's raid may have been carried out by the same gang which last week raided a locked mail department of a train and stole £11,000.

Defectives have three new clues—a raincoat, a pair of steel cutters and a wooden Police-style truncheon.

The raincoat bears a cleaner's number stencilled in black.—Reuter.



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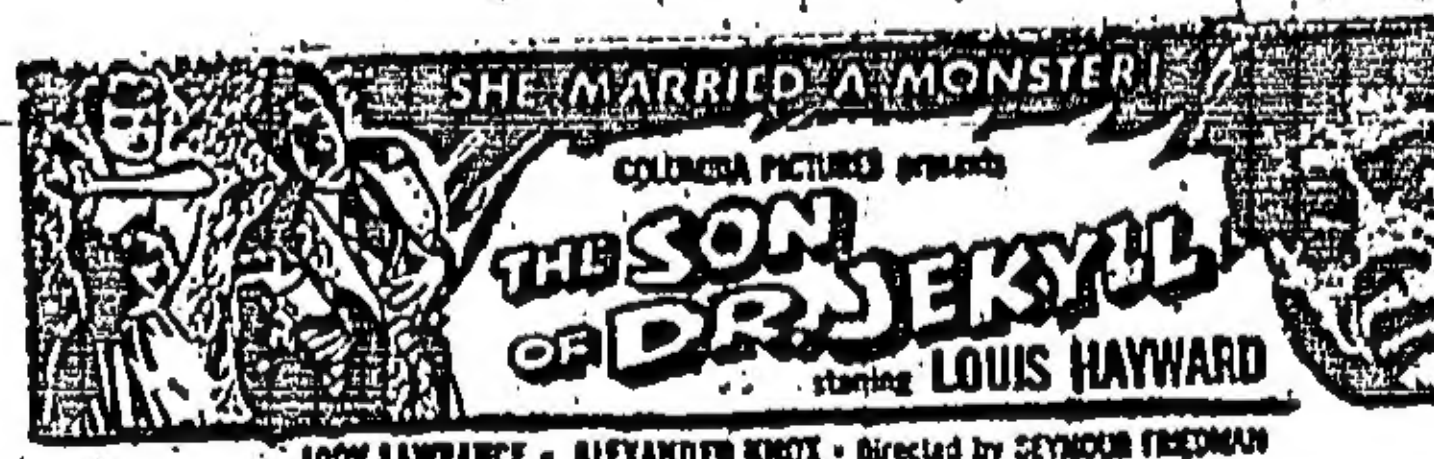
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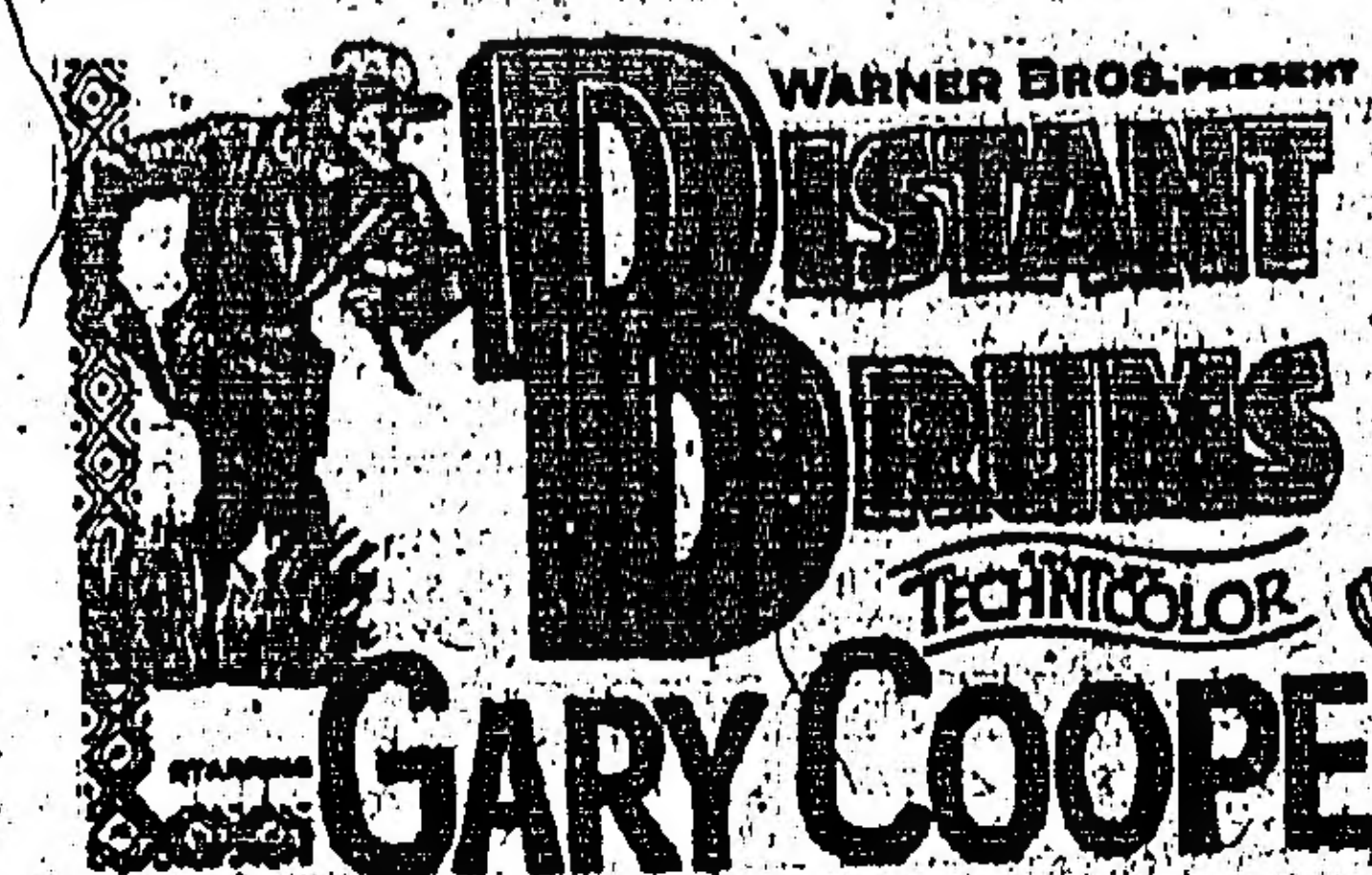


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JAPANESE STAR IN FRANCE



Actress Michiko Sunhara, member of the Japanese
delegation, sings at the Cannes Festival in France,
accompanied on the piano by Auguste Pastour. —
Express Photo.

Big American Aid Expenditure In India Is Proposed

New Delhi, May 22.
The American Ambassador to India, Mr
Chester Bowles, today confirmed that he had re-
commended a \$1,000,000,000 assistance programme
to India to be implemented in four years.

Acheson Flying To Germany

Washington, May 22.
Mr Dean Acheson, the Sec-
retary of State, will leave here for
Paris by air at midnight tonight,
the State Department announced.
Mr Acheson is expected to
return here in about a week.

The State Department said that
Mr Acheson, accompanied by Mr
Truman's aide, Mr. Lucius
Battle, an assistant to Mr
Acheson, Miss Barbara Evans,
Mr Acheson's secretary, and Mr
Frank Madden, State Department
security officer.

The State Department also
announced that a party of offi-
cials left Washington last night
for Bonn, flying by way of
Paris.

It included Mr Wells Stabler,
Department Officer in charge of
Egyptian and Anglo-Egyptian-
Sudan affairs. — Reuters.

Hitler Document Sold In London

London, May 22.
A manuscript signed by the
Pastor of Dollersheim in 1933,
certifying Hitler's ancestry, was
sold for £42 at Sotheby's today.

Two letters by Mussolini to
his mistress fetched £40, and
14 letters written by Florence
Nightingale between 1878 and
1880 to General Fife relating to
conditions in India fetched £22.
— Reuters.

BRITISH OVERSEAS SERVICE

SUGGESTED For Providing Technical Aid To Foreign Countries

London, May 22.
Britain's overseas territories, whatever their
stage of political development, will for many years
need specialist assistance of one sort or another.
And to meet this demand, the creation of a
unified British Overseas Service, into which the
Colonial Service and staff of the Colonial Office and
Commonwealth Relations Office might be inte-
grated, is suggested by New Commonwealth in its
current issue.

It should be Britain's pur-
pose and desire to serve all
countries in need of specialist
assistance by placing her know-
ledge and her experience at
their disposal. — New Common-
wealth continues.

"The existence of such a
Service, with all its prestige and
advantages of recruitment, would
doubtless induce many territories
to make use of it. It would
appeal to countries not wishing
to take on long-term commit-
ments, while British staff would
prefer membership of a Service
making independent contracts
with the territories concerned."

And in the even wider field
of industrial administration and
technology the needs of the less-
advanced countries are greater
and will persist for a longer
period.

To give the required assis-
tance in this field, New Common-
wealth suggests the foundation
of a British Technical Service,
which could be organized by
such a body as the Federation
of British Industries.

A HINDRANCE
This service would, it points
out, help to plan, equip and in-
augurate new undertakings and
advise on their operation until
nationalists of the country con-
cerned were able to take full
control.

As it would help in finding
suitable men for these schemes.
"As those concerned with
Colonial development schemes
and similar projects have
found," continues the New
Commonwealth, "the difficulty
of recruiting experts can be a
great hindrance. It is not
only the demand everywhere for
men with special qualifications,
it is also that the claims and
appeal of work overseas have
not been made known suffi-
ciently among the younger genera-
tion."

Schemes such as the Athlone
Fellowships, and others which
train men and women from
overseas for careers in the
professions, administration and
industry, should be extended.

PRESSING NEEDS
But these arrangements are
long-term and the need of the
less developed countries for
trained experts is pressing.
The supply of such men in the
United Kingdom must be or-
ganized, and specialist instruc-
tion, up-to-date appliances, new
sources of power and additional
means of production made
available.

"If the less-advanced coun-
tries are to survive and become
more independent," says the New
Commonwealth, "their people
must rapidly acquire knowledge
of the ways of modern life and
be given the equipment with
which to build up stable econo-
mies." — London Express Service.

Holy See Signs UN Convention

United Nations, May 21.
Archbishop Amleto Cicomani,
Apostolic delegate at Washing-
ton, today signed in the name
of the Vatican State the United
Nations convention on the
status of refugees.
This was the first United
Nations convention to be signed
by the Holy See. The ceremony
took place in the private office
of the Secretary-General. —
Reuters.

"Big 3" Talks On Tunisia

Paris, May 22.
Usually well-informed
quarters said today that
the American attitude on
Tunisia would be discussed
by the United States,
France and Britain when
they meet next week.
The French feel strongly
that as NATO ally of the
United States her policy in
Tunisia should be sup-
ported by the Americans,
especially in the United
Nations. In the coming
talks France expects to be
supported by Britain. —
Reuters.

SEQUEL TO FLIGHT TO MANILA

San Francisco, May 22.
Theodore Lewin of Manila
was arrested this afternoon on a
fugitive warrant from Roswell,
New Mexico, and held in the
city prison.

The Chief of Police, Michael
Gaffney, said he took Lewin into
custody at a hotel upon a war-
rant from the New Mexico
authorities.

Earlier Lewin told a newsman
that he did not know anything
about a kidnapping case in Ros-
well.

After identifying himself, an
Associated Press editor explained
he had learned Lewin had
returned to the United States to
clear himself of the kidnapping
charges connected with the flying
of Lopez Puckett and her four-
year-old son to Manila a year
ago.

"I don't know anything about
that," the man who identified
himself as Lewin answered in a
tired-sounding voice.

"Look, you have the wrong
fellow, I am awfully busy," he
said in refusing to answer any
further question and hung up the
telephone. — Associated Press.

Lawyer Fails To Appear

Cairo, May 22.
Ahmed Hussein, a lawyer
alleged to be the "chief instiga-
tor" of Cairo's riots last January,
failed to appear before the
Supreme Military Tribunal to-
day for the second time.
Hussein, already serving an
18-month prison term for
articles considered lese majeste,
was reported to be sick, though
he had earlier been reported fit
by doctors appointed by the
Court.

When Hussein, leader of the
National Socialist Party, failed
to appear before the Tribunal
on Monday he was also reported
to be sick.
The Tribunal adjourned until
Sunday to give Hussein another
opportunity to appear in Court.
— Reuters.

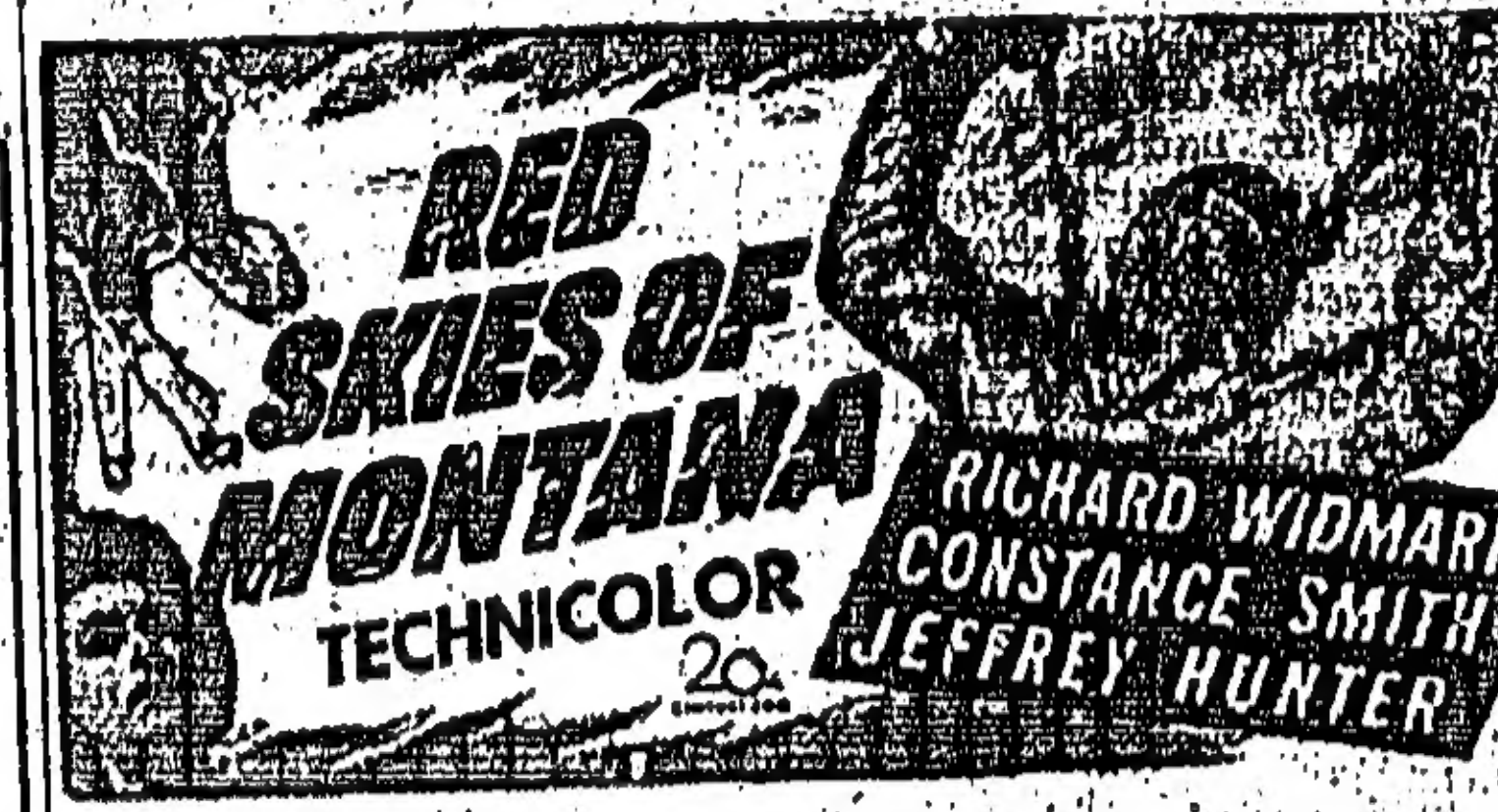
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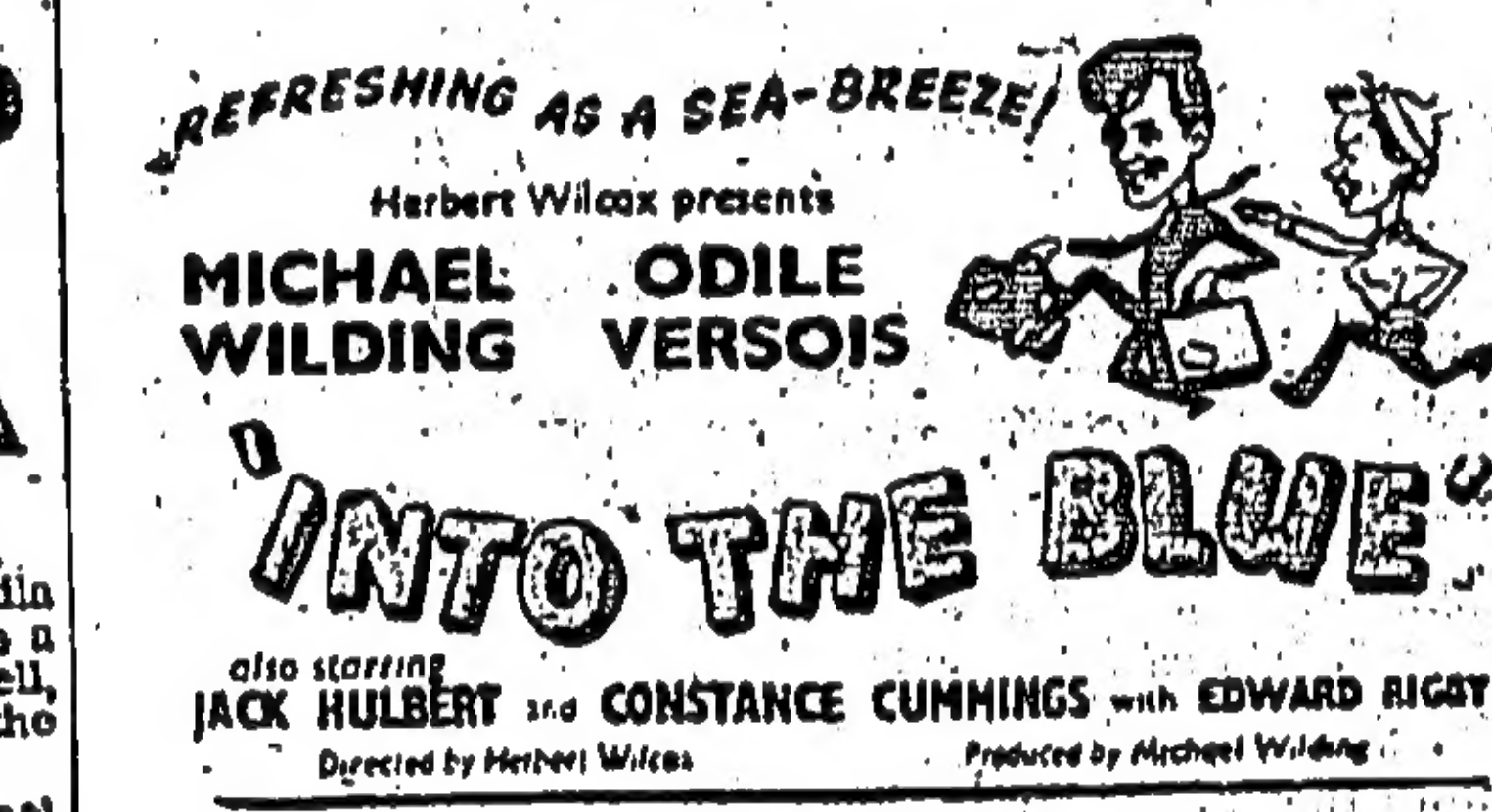


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THE OPEN-AIR
ACADEMY

A Bohemian atmosphere prevailed in Victoria Embankment Gardens, London, when the annual open-air display of paintings organised by the London County Council was held. Here is Miss Diana Pollitt, of Holland Park, hanging her paintings.—Central Press.

Review

Of Britain's
Policies In
Middle East
London Conference

London, May 22.

Britain will review her Middle East policy at a conference here next month of the heads of diplomatic missions in 12 Middle East countries. Their talks are expected to include:

1. The Anglo-Egyptian dispute.
2. Political implications of the proposed Middle East Command.
3. Oil, particularly the Anglo-Iranian dispute.
4. Effects of the continuing Arab-Israeli tension.

Child's Request
Swamped Village
Post Office

Ardleigh, Essex, May 22.

A child's request for used Christmas cards received such a response when published in a religious newspaper that the village post office here has had to replace its existing postman with a delivery van to distribute the extra mail.

Seven-year-old Vivienne Whitaker asked for used cards to be sent to her home here, for distribution by a missionary organisation to children overseas. She received 50,000 cards packed in 2,000 parcels within a few days. With her school friends Vivienne cuts out the pictures and pastes religious texts in different languages on the back.—Reuter.

"PAGANISM"
THREAT IN
SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, May 22.

An "urgent" call for more churches in new housing areas to prevent whole streets from going "pagan" was made by Dr Charles L. Warr of St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, speaking at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland today.

Dr Warr said that in the past year some 100,000 Scottish people had moved into new housing areas.

If a church was on the spot when a new housing scheme was completed, some 80 per cent of the people could be brought into the fold.

But wait for two years, he added, and the figure would drop to 50 per cent, from five to ten years it would drop to 30 per cent, and by a little longer wait "the whole district would have gone pagan."

The building programme undertaken so far had cost about £600,000, and represented only one-quarter of new church buildings which would be required even if minimum provision was made for new housing areas.—Reuter.

Bulgars Warn
Turkey

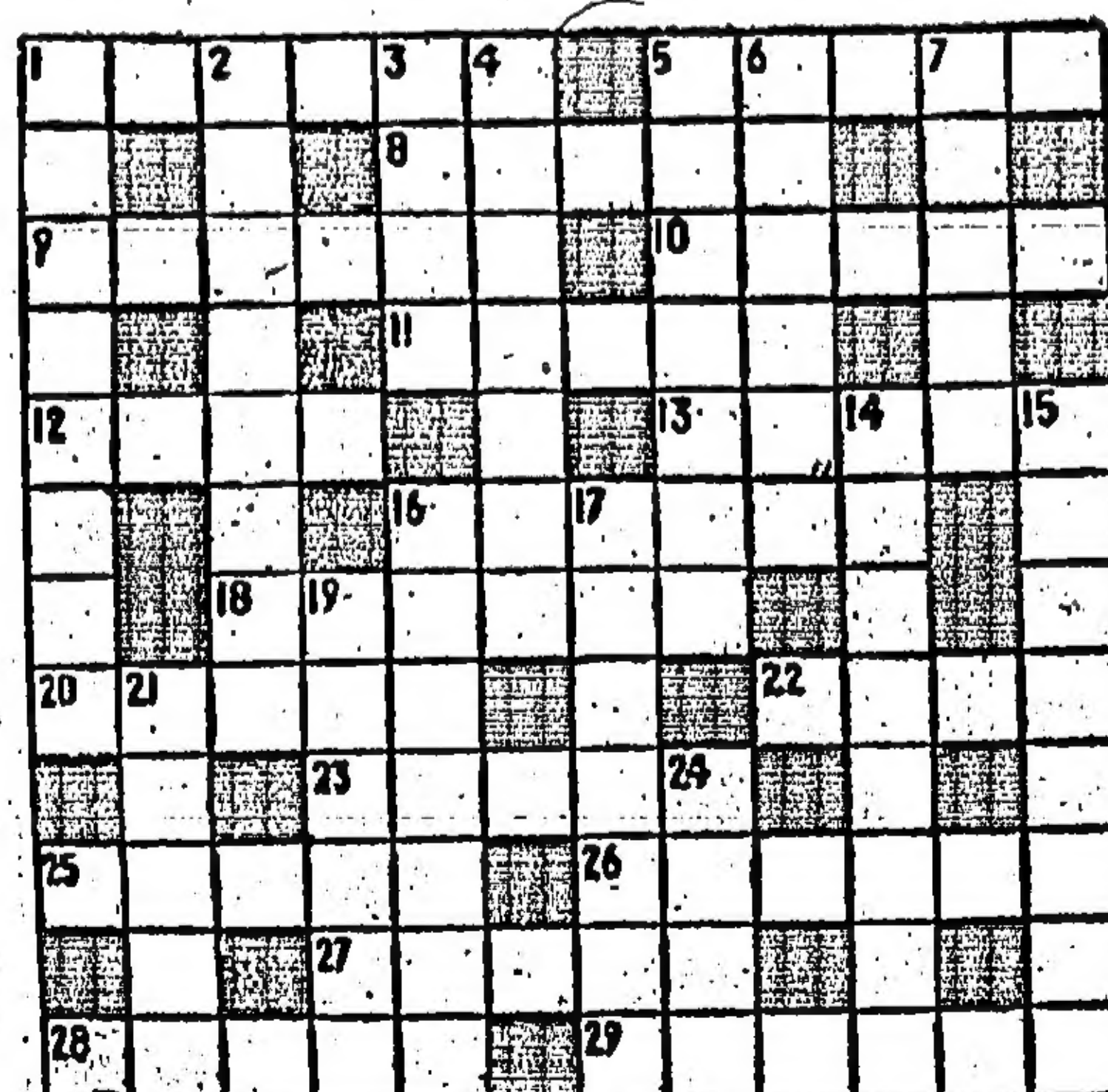
London, May 22.

Bulgaria today warned Turkey that if restrictions imposed on Bulgarian diplomats and citizens in Turkey were not lifted within a week, they would impose the same measures on Turkish officials and citizens in Bulgaria.

Reporting this, the Bulgarian news agency said the warning was contained in a note handed by the Bulgarian Foreign Minister to the Turkish Legation in Sofia.

The note pointed out that if such a step were taken, the full responsibility would rest with the Turkish Government. It added that Turkey had not answered a verbal note sent on May 5, which demanded the cancellation of "unjustified discriminatory measures" applied against Bulgarians in that country.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS:

- 1 Method (6).
- 2 Margin (5).
- 3 Try to equal (5).
- 4 Contained (6).
- 5 Healed (5).
- 6 Vegetable dish (5).
- 7 Girl's name (4).
- 8 Experiments (5).
- 9 Command (6).
- 10 Enchantress (5).
- 11 Enchanted (4).
- 12 Book of maps (5).
- 13 Part of an ear (5).
- 14 Tool (6).
- 15 Slip (5).
- 16 Agitates (5).
- 17 Required (6).

DOWN:

- 1 Follows (8).
- 2 Foreigner (6).
- 3 Cupid (4).
- 4 Mosque turret (7).
- 5 Left empty (7).
- 6 Dodges (6).
- 7 Visitor (5).
- 8 Alarmed (6).
- 9 Check (6).
- 10 Chaff (7).
- 11 Geometrical figure (7).
- 12 Chief (6).
- 13 Creek (5).
- 14 Ancestor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Repels, 5 Clasp, 8 Otto, 9 Sultan, 11 Nerve, 12 Report, 14 Brag, 16 Urges, 18 Amaze, 19 True, 20 Enamel, 24 Prior, 25 Mirage, 26 Type, 27 Tunes, 28 Enured, Down: 1 Rash, 2 Pair, 3 Loop, 4 Strong, 6 Contour, 6 Arrange, 7 Peccary, 10 Tears, 13 Parapet, 14 Battalion, 15 Assail, 17 Ruler, 19 Tramps, 21 Mien, 22 Lull, 23 Tomb.

Red Delegate
Juggles With
Figures

United Nations, May 22.

The Soviet member of the Disarmament Commission, M. Jacob Malik, today declared that the armed forces of the Western Powers were double those of the Soviet Union, proving that the West had adopted a "policy of force."

M. Malik quoted figures to show that in relation to area, British armed forces were 30 times as high as those of the Soviet Union. French armed forces 12 times as high, and American armed forces three times as high.

He told the Commission, which is considering its first report to the General Assembly, that the total armed forces of the United States, Britain and France numbered more than 5,400,000. In the United States the armed forces constituted 2.32 per cent of the total population, in Britain 2.04 per cent and in France 2.12 per cent, but in the Soviet Union only 1.25 per cent.

M. Malik said that in the United States there was one soldier per square mile, in Britain 11 and in France four. In the Soviet Union there was only one soldier to three square miles.—Reuter.

Lean Times
For London
Night Life

London, May 22.

London was once one of the world's foremost after-dark entertainment centres—but now, night club proprietors in the capital are wondering how much longer they can stay open. Night after night the clubs are often half empty—some have only one or two couples in the middle of a sea of empty tables—and the situation shows no sign of improving.

Thousands of pounds sterling have been put into cabaret shows and top-flight dance bands, but this has so far been the leanest year since the dark times of the 1930's.

The head waiter at one famous club, where people whose names are news all over the world have danced and dined in the past, said sadly, "In one night I served only two meals—and both were free."

Proprietors blame the money shortage that is hitting most traders and industries in Britain for the empty tables.—Reuter.

Envoys summoned to the conference by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, are expected to include Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador in Cairo, and Mr George Middleton, Charge d'Affaires in Tehran—two of the key figures of the recent British policy in the area. Other heads of missions will include those from Turkey, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Israel. Sir Rupert Hay, Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, and Sir Thomas Rapp, of the British Middle East Office in Cairo, will also attend.

FALLING PRESTIGE

British prestige and influence in the Middle East have fallen unprecedentedly in the three years since the last meeting was called.

Critics have been the situation in Egypt and the Persian nationalization of the £500 million Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's industry. This will be the first such conference presided over by Mr Eden.

The two others—in 1945 and 1949—were called by the late Labour Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin. Discussions will include industrial developments for raising the living standards of the Middle East people.—Reuter.

Russians
Took Credit
For U.S.
Invention

Philadelphia, May 22.

A Philadelphia engineer 40-year-old reported that a process he invented and turned over to the Soviet Union in 1944 under Lend-Lease has won the Stalin Medal for 1951 for a Russian engineer.

Karl Billner said details of the award to the Russian were revealed in the April 28 issue of the Soviet Press and the March 13 issues of Izvestia and Pravda. Mr Billner said he received numerous awards and honours from scientific societies and universities in the United States and Europe in the past 12 years for vacuum processing of concrete under his patents in the United States.

A Russian account credits this invention to Abramovitch Tschernberg, a teacher in Moscow school, Mr. Billner reported. Mr Billner said he first demonstrated his process to scientists and engineers at Yale University in 1937.

Later he showed it to military authorities in Washington by erecting a solid concrete pillbox fortification ready for use in four hours.—United Press.

INDIAN ORDER
FOR GERMANY

Achim, May 22.

A West German company has received an order from the Indian Government to build several hundred irrigation wells around Bombay, the West German Economic News Agency VWD reported today.

The wells are intended to make fertile sanded land. About 650 tons of boring equipment and 800 tons of well parts have already been shipped to India.

The firm expects the project to be completed within 10 months.—Reuter.

Monetary Fund
Meeting

London, May 22.

The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank will hold their annual general meetings in Mexico City from September 8 to September 12. The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, is expected to lead the British delegation to the two meetings.—Reuter.

Royal Visit
To Britain

The King and Queen of Denmark shown being welcomed on their arrival at Liverpool Street Station, in London, at the start of their six-day private visit to Britain.—Express Photo.

Iranian Premier
Takes Tearful
View Of Future

Teheran, May 22.

The Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, tears coursing down his cheeks, said today that serious unrest and perhaps a Communist grab for power may sweep Iran after his resignation.

The 75-year-old Premier declared in an interview that he was determined to resign after the World Court hearings on the Anglo-Iranian dispute early next month, whatever the cost.

"I cannot help it," he said. "I have tried to do my best for the nation."

Dr Mossadegh was interviewed in his home, which has been protected by armed guards ever since Moslem fanatics threatened his life. Clad in a coarse woollen coat, he sat on a blanket-covered cot, which was the only piece of furniture in the room.

He leaned his head weakly on one hand as he talked, using a white handkerchief to wipe his tears.

"I shall never sign any agreement which is against the independence of my country," he said. "If such agreements must be made, let someone else do it. I will step aside with a clear conscience."

He acknowledged that new upheavals may sweep troubled Iran when he resigns. He had warned Britain and the United States of the increasing Communist threat, he said. "They don't seem to realise it. It will be a great disaster for us and for them."

MATTER OF FACE

The International Court at The Hague will hear Britain's charges that Iran violated treaty obligations by arbitrarily nationalising oil resources last year in defiance of a World Court injunction.

The Premier said that efforts to settle the dispute by negotiation had failed because Britain insisted that Iran rehire British technicians who were dismissed when the Iranians took over the oil fields. The Iranians could not rehire the Britons without losing face.

"This is a matter of the utmost importance to our independence," said Dr Mossadegh. "The British are trying to force their way back in, but we cannot allow them to set foot on our soil."

"Those offering to help us sell our oil should agree to our hiring all technicians from neutral countries such as Holland and the United States. 'I am surprised they insist that the technicians we engage must be British.'—United Press.

Power Cuts In
Czechoslovakia

Vienna, May 22.

Prague Radio stated today that, owing to the lack of discipline of some firms and consumers who have not carried out the requested economy measures, electric current might be cut without warning between 0.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. and between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The radio added that the Czechoslovak Ministry for Power would publish within the next few days a scheme for power cuts under which various areas of the city and country districts would have cuts of one hour in turn.—France Press.

WHO Expanding Fight
Against
Disease

Geneva, May 22.

The 5th World Health Assembly, at its closing session here today, decided to expand the fight against communicable diseases to include leprosy, cholera, malaria, tuberculosis and venereal diseases.

Other decisions included: 1. New programmes for automatic vaccination against childhood diseases, especially in under-developed countries. 2. Help in organising adequate national health services. 3. The expansion of training facilities for auxiliary health personnel. 4. The granting of priority to under-developed countries for the next three years.

The Assembly also created several new expert committees, including ones for poliomyelitis, leprosy and rheumatism.

MOST REMARKABLE

The W.H.O.'s programme for 1953 must be considered as one of the most important factors in helping to create a prosperous and peaceful world, Dr Juan Salcedo Jr., Philippines Representative of the W.H.O., told the session.

Dr Salcedo declared that the long-term programmes for the promotion of health of children and the action decided on against leprosy were also causes for great satisfaction.

Sir Arco Mudanar of India expressed the thanks of all delegates to Dr Salcedo for the dignity and tolerance with which he had presided over the Assembly.

"It has been my privilege to attend every session of the World Health Assembly," he said, "and I am sure this one will go down as one of the most remarkable for its achievements."

"If there have been differences of opinion, we must not be discouraged by them. They are signs of the healthy vitality of our organisation."—Reuter.

"Hams" Turning
To Television

London, May 22.

Spare-time television enthusiasts are now succeeding radio amateurs in Britain.

Harold Jones, of Plymouth, has just reported a transmission of between five and 10 miles. So far, the pictures have been images and "stills".

Two amateurs in Sunderland, Fred and Joseph Rose, who have been experimenting for two years, hope soon to make contact with another amateur, John Hogarth, in Northumberland, about 10 miles from their Sunderland station.—Reuter.

CARDINAL'S
BAN ON
SERMON

Bonn, May 22.

Cardinal Josef Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, today banned a peace sermon to have been delivered by Fr. Franciscus Strathmann in Bonn Cathedral.

Fr. Strathmann, a Dominican from Walberberg Monastery, near here, was permitted to read a Mass for peace.

He said, "The Church held the opinion that any peace sermon could be linked with a peace demonstration by women here today. It could have created the impression that the Church was behind a political demonstration. There is no reason whatsoever to launch an attack against the Cardinalate of Cologne because of this ban."

Fr. Strathmann, an old partisan of world peace, was sharply persecuted under the Hitler regime. His peace sermons were forbidden and he escaped abroad after being released from preventive custody.

He lived in Bonn for five years. He spent the war years in Belgium where he was chased by the Gestapo, but was successfully hidden by Belgian friends.—Reuter.

Indian Action
Hits Dundee

Dundee, May 22.

More than 3,000 jute workers here will be on a three-day week soon following the Indian Government's action in reducing the export tax on Calcutta-made hessian cloth.

The low Indian price has caused buyers to hold up their orders with the Dundee industry because they are expecting accordingly lower British prices.

Because of the shortage of orders, one firm will suspend production from Friday until June 3, putting employees out of work. The Indian Government first reduced the export tax on Calcutta-made hessian cloth on February 18. The British Ministry of Materials then reduced the domestic price of raw jute. On May 6 India reduced the tax again.—Reuter.

Servicemen Home
From Hongkong

Southampton, May 22.

About 1,800 servicemen and their wives and families landed at Southampton today from the Far East, mainly from Hongkong and Singapore. They travelled in the troopship Empire Trooper.—Reuter.



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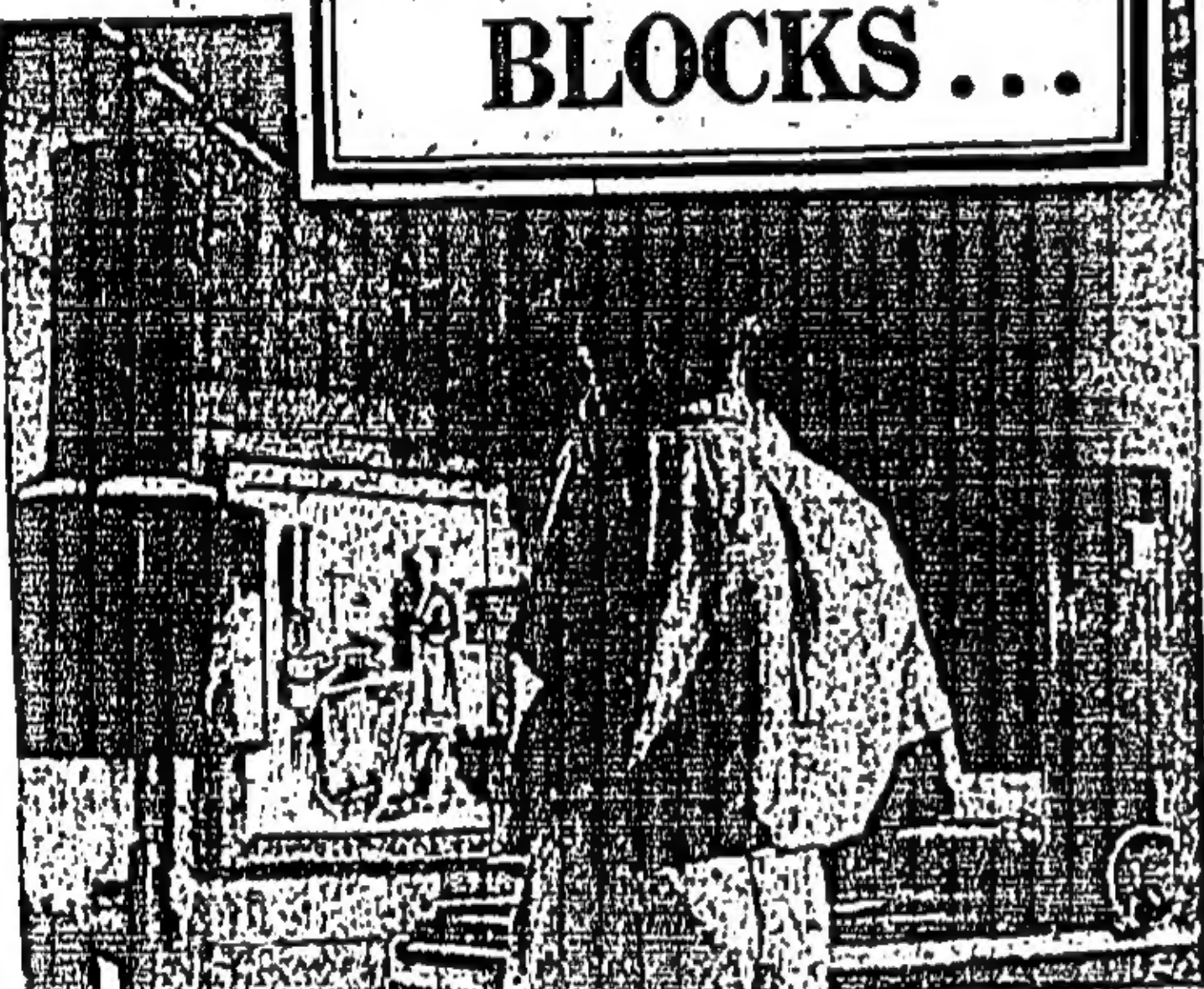
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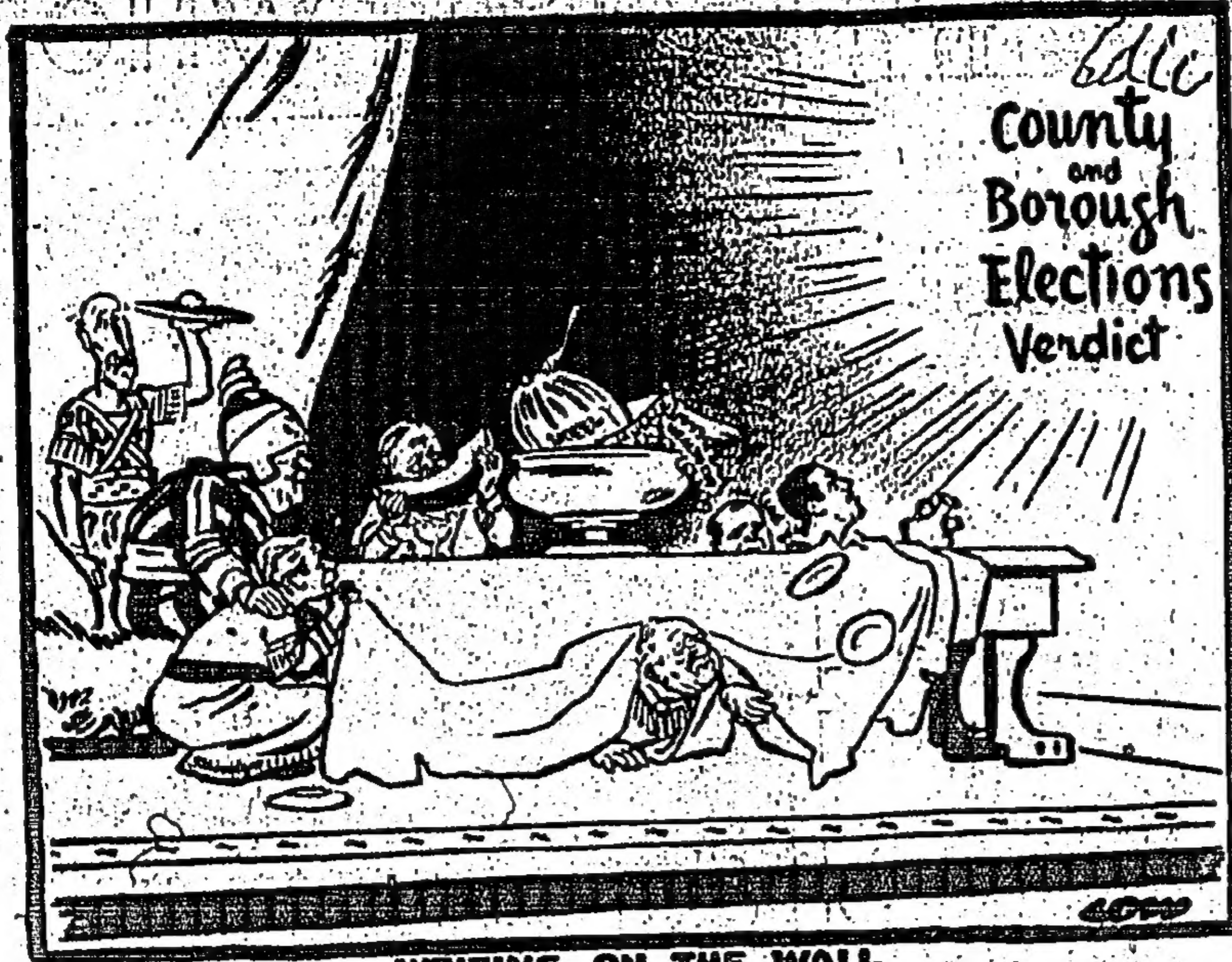
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THE COMIC SIDE OF COMMUNISM

By BARBARA VEREKER

THERE are some jokes—and they are the best jokes—which can be appreciated universally. The sight of a grand and solemn man missing his footing and sitting down with a bump is funny to the onlookers, whether they be Zulus, Eskimos or Englishmen. The only person who does not see the joke is the solemn man himself. And the more solemn he remains the more comical he looks.

Modern politics have become very solemn. Or rather, modern politicians have become very solemn. They are constantly pointing out to us that this political utterance should make us think or that utterance make us tremble, yet they seldom draw our attention to the fact that a good many political utterances should merely make us laugh.

Take for instance, that grand and solemn body, the Soviet Government. Watch its august progress. Then see it miss its footing, sit down with a bump, and make itself highly ridiculous. But this unintentional clowning is not confined to the Soviet Government. There are Communists all over the world constantly slipping on metaphorical banana skins. Possibly because you cannot keep one eye on Moscow and still look where you are going. It can happen at any moment.

Chess for Miners

IN a speech on coal production, for instance, Now we know that Russian miners are praised, encouraged and given 30 days' holiday after eleven months' work. We also know that in the Marshal Koniev mines in Czechoslovakia, children are drafted for eight-hour shifts, and that 50 boys and 85 girls must get 200 truckloads of coal to the surface, or suffer the punishments of food cuts and fines inflicted by the Communist supervisor, Pracki.

We know that in Russia men and women are urged to go down the mines because it is a glorious way of serving the Soviet Union. We also know about forced

labour for political offenders. All this we know, and some of it makes us think, and some of it makes us tremble.

Then along comes a splendid Communist called Adolf Hennecke to introduce a little comic relief. Hennecke, who organised the shock workers in East Berlin, has a simple, and I'm inclined to think, original, way of increasing coal production. In all seriousness he suggests that miners should learn to play chess.

"Playing chess increases coal production," he announced in a recent interview. "Chess playing helps in logical thinking and, therefore, enables us to produce more coal. We should all play chess."

I judge by this sample of his logical thinking that Comrade Hennecke is not himself a chess player, but I think it is a splendid notion, and well in line with the Communist ideal of culture for everyman.

Marxist Sport

IF the suggestion is taken up, Communist miners will be just as cultured as Communist sportsmen. For, as a Russian named Vostaka has pointed out, "It is not sufficient for Soviet sportsmen to be supermen physically—their prowess in the field must be matched by their knowledge of the history of Bolshevism, philosophy, political economy, and the moral aspect of Soviet sport."

This again conjures up a happy picture of some Soviet gymnasium where hearty athletes are even now being trained to march into, or more probably out of, the Olympic Games. In the ring two robust citizens are boxing, while in their respective corners their seconds sit with bowed heads, engrossed in their books on philosophy. Near by, a couple of supermen are skipping, pausing from time to time to read up their chapter of Marx.

Given such a setting one can imagine a voice breaking in occasionally with: "Stop playing with that medicine ball, Ivan, and get on with your dialectical materialism."

Now, this sort of thing is funny in any language. Any language, that is, except the language of Communism. For, as I have said, it is the rule in this kind of joke that the people who make it are being funny at all. Communists remain incurably solemn.

When, in Dresden, Christmas angels were put on sale bearing the festive inscription "Peace on Earth secures the fulfilment of our Five-Year Plan," it never occurred to the Communists that anybody might laugh.

Absurdities

WHEN a Hungarian Communist newspaper reported that "following Soviet directives, our culture in dancing has undergone unprecedented development and the dance in our country has become the common cause of the masses," they thought it splendid and not a bit funny. The Canton Southern Daily, reproving a Canton restaurant for serving "Resist America, Aid Korea, porridge" in the morning and "Protect Home-Defend-Fatherland Rice" at lunchtime, merely observed primly: "Do not vulgarise the dignified propaganda campaign."

And although the correspondent who wrote to Vilagos, the organ of the Hungarian Workers'

Mme. (350) SIMENON

The French-Canadian wife of a best-selling author votes for the simple life



MADAME SIMENON

WHEN you read that Mme. Georges Simenon is staying at a West End hotel with her husband, who is one of the world's richest and best-selling novelists, you imagine some degree of lacquered sophistication. At least I did.

But we are all wrong—as wrong as we are in supposing that Simenon is a Frenchman. (In fact, he is Belgian, born 40 years ago in Liege.) His French-Canadian wife, her hands thrust into the pockets of her grey flannel skirt, her feet in flat-heeled brown country shoes, planted purposefully on the carpet, has no nonsense about her whatever. She even disdains the harmless artifice of a dab of lipstick or a dab of powder.

Her only jewellery apart from her plain wedding band is her single-pearl engagement ring. She revealed her age without being asked. She was 32 on May 14.

Madame Simenon has an almost aggressive lack of affectation. Her dark brown eyes fix you with such a direct and honest gaze that you feel, at this at least, is a woman with positively no deception.

It is as if she wished to advertise the fact that here, in contrast with the subtleties of the psychological thrillers which are her husband's life-work, is the soul of simplicity itself.

Simenon, she says, likes contrast. He has travelled all over the world, and when he lived in France liked to pop over to London from Paris to relax between books. ("He knows London well and enjoys everything here including the restaurants.")

This is Madame's first sight of England. "I fell in love with it at once," she said. She fell in love with her husband at first sight too. A friend arranged the meeting in New York, telling "Danyse Out-

EVELYN IRONS

met, as she was then, that Simenon wanted a secretary and telling Simenon that Danyse wanted no job, Simenon telephoned to tell Danyse that it was untrue—she had a job awaiting her back home in Ottawa. Simenon, amused, suggested that it would be nice to lunch together, anyhow.

He was more than half an hour late for the appointment. Says Madame Simenon, "I was too shy to leave the table and walk out." They strolled in "Garden Park" for lunch. "And I suddenly realised I was in love," she says. "And luckily he felt the same."

They lived together the same evening. That was in 1945.

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THE LADY IS UNWILLING

From FREDERICK COOK

FOUR months ago, America's manpower director, Mrs Anna Rosenberg, the live wire who "loves screwy hats," came back from Korea with an urgent message from Generals Ridgway and Van Fleet.

"Send us 72,000 Service women," they pleaded. "As soon as possible."

How has Mrs Rosenberg succeeded? To date she has persuaded just 8,592 to volunteer—for all three Services.

Disastrous, says Washington—and puzzling.

There have been rich inducements to the American girl to do her share. No more barrack life for her; cubicle-type quarters have taken its place. Most of the women's camps demolished have been abandoned now live two to a room in coily furnished flats, with central heating and refrigerators.

SNAPPY OUTFIT

They are allowed—even encouraged—to pick up the needle in their off-duty hours and run in some cheerful curlicues and matching bedspreads.

The Army even hired milliner Hattie Carnegie to design a snappy new uniform for the V.A.C.s. Then, told the girls it was all right to dress in civvies if they liked for their off-duty hours.

To crown it all, they gave them the same pay as men in all three Services, starting at £20 18s. 6d. a month for a private.

Intensive educational courses were arranged. Girls straight from high school had their pick

of 30 vocations, all useful in later civilian life. The Army did its best to bring a "college-like atmosphere" into the camp routine and cut the age limit from 19 to 18 in cases where parents consented.

But all to no avail. The American girl wants no part of it. There was a brief spurt in recruiting, then the decline set in. Downward goes the curve.

"WHAT'S LACKING?" I put the question to a girl who did join up. Private first-class Shirley Gardner, slender, blue-eyed blonde of 23 from Davenport, Iowa.

Shirley threw up a book-keeper's job to go into the Army. Why? I asked her. What made her do it when others would not?

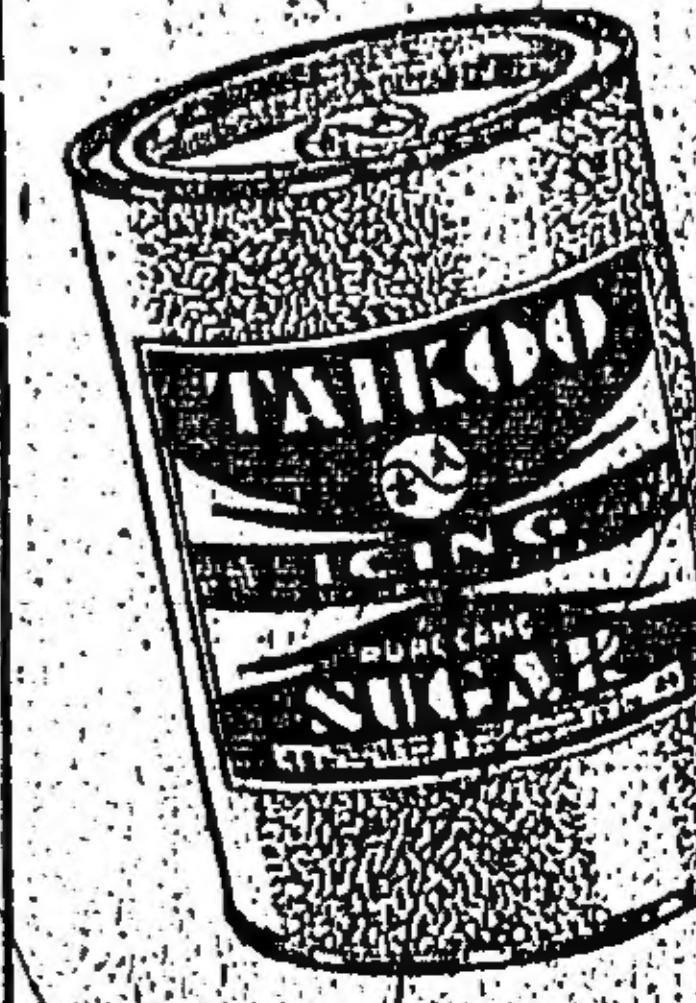
While an officer listened to our chat in case she spoke her mind too freely, Shirley gave me a brief answer. "I felt my country needed me," she said. "I signed on for three years, and if the war isn't over when my time's up, I shall volunteer again."

She did not get into uniform to make the Army her career, she said. "I was just like many other young people at the outbreak of the war in Korea. I was patriotic, I guess, that inspired me to join."

And why didn't it inspire others, like her? I asked again. She thought for a moment and said: "I'm sure most young girls today feel the need is not as great as it was two years ago. It is, of course. But they don't seem to think so. Do I enjoy the life? Sure I do. I'm working in an office and qualifying myself for a good civilian job when the Army no longer needs me. Apart from that, well, I know I'm helping my country. That's how every girl should feel."

But apparently she doesn't

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St. Stephen's Become Inter-School Badminton Champions

St. Stephen's College became the first official Inter-School Badminton Champions when they defeated La Salle College yesterday in the deciding match of the final playoffs by 3-0.

The two 19-year-old cousins, U Sel-lip and U Sel-ching, were again responsible for their school's victory which enabled them to complete the League without conceding a single set.

For the losers, Colony School boys under 19 Singles Champion Robert Heng and runner-up E. Marquez Lim put up highly creditable performances before going down to their older opponents.

Both the Singles matches produced a high standard of schoolboy badminton. In the opening game, Robert Heng and U Sel-lip battled to a 17-17 score and although U took the lead at 18-17, services changed hands at this stage no less than six times before Heng made two errors and a final shot toppled on the wrong side of the net.

E. Marquez Lim put La Salle supporters in high hopes when he led U Sel-ching in the second match 7-2, and 8-4, 13-8 and 15-9.

The marathon duel, however, soon began to tell on him, and the St. Stephen's boy gradually crept up to 10-18 and from 17-18 carried the score to set and match.

St. Stephen's harder hitting and better retrieving pair, Khoo

TODAY'S SPORT
Lawn Tennis—CRC "A" v. Urban Council "1", HKCC; CRC "B" v. Urban Council "2", LRC v. HKCC.
Mixed "A" Division—SCAA v. HKCC; CRC v. HKCC.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

WHITSUN RACE MEETING

Saturday 31st May and Monday 2nd June, 1932
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The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day.
On the 2nd Day the First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 Noon. The time interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) on the 2nd Day.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 12 races on the 2nd Day (22 in all).

Through Tickets (22 Races—\$44.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st Floor, Telephone House, scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1932.

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In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or damaged tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all charges, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. and 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Offices are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of lifts will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 2513).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stables.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at the Bookmakers' tables, it is requested that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONS



The St. Stephen's College team won the Inter-School Badminton Championship yesterday.
They are, from the left, Khoo Kam-kie, U Sel-lip, Mr. Shih, Lok Hong-gee and U Sel-ching. Seated is the team's reserve.

Lancashire Win Dour Fight For First Innings Points Over Warwickshire

Lancashire, second favourites to win the English County Cricket Championship, won a dour fight for a first innings lead over Warwickshire, the 1931 Champions, at Liverpool today.

When the last wicket pair, Brian Statham and Roy Tattersall, came together, Lancashire still needed three runs to overhaul Warwick's total.

These two England bowlers hit off the runs and put Lancashire three ahead.
That was quite sufficient for skipper Nigel Howard, who promptly applied the closure.

QUICKLY IN TROUBLE
Warwickshire, left with half an hour's batting, were quickly in trouble, for Tattersall dismissed the opening batsman, Don Taylor, for a "duck".

The highlight of Lancashire's fighting innings was a fifth wicket stand of 119 in two and a quarter hours between Winston Place (84) and the Australian all-rounder, Ken Greaves (48).

Champion Loses In Irish Women's Golf Tourney
Newcastle, County Down, Northern Ireland, May 22.
Mrs F. C. MacGarry, Ireland's winner last year of the British Women's Golf Championship, was today beaten in the final of the Irish women's title event by Miss Dorothy Forster, of Balmoral, who club to which Fred Daly is professional.

Miss Forster, runner-up for the title last year, made a flying start by winning the first four holes each in one under par and she never completely lost the advantage. At the end of the morning round she was still three up.

Twice in the afternoon the British Champion won two successive holes to threaten a revival but each time Miss Forster showed her capabilities by regaining a three holes lead and she won with two holes to spare.

SCOTTISH TITLE
Edinburgh, May 22.
Miss Jean Donald, the British Curtis Cup player who toured South Africa last year, regained the Scottish women's golf championship today with the highest victory in the 49 years' history of the event.

She beat Mrs R. T. Peel by 13 and 11, having been 11 up at the end of the first round to equal the British record for a championship.—Reuter.

NOTICE

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UMRIGAR AND HAZARE GIVE THE CROWD A SIGHT OF INDIAN CRICKET AT ITS BEST Unbroken Fourth Wicket Partnership Of 366

Oxford, May 22.

Polly Umrigar and Vijay Hazare, with superb knocks of 229 and 161, both not out, gave the crowd at Oxford a sight of Indian cricket at its best.

The unbroken fourth wicket partnership put on 366 runs in 225 minutes—the highest by an Indian touring team in England.

Umrigar and Hazare were brilliant in the execution of their strokes against the University's bowling.

Both batsmen, who came together with their side precariously placed at 32 runs for three wickets, demonstrated the art of correct footwork.

Getting to the pitch of the ball without hesitation, they turned accurately directed bowling into half volleys. So few balls passed the bat that the first extra did not come till the score was past 250.

Umrigar batted four and a quarter hours. He hit 33 fours and three sixes with a wide variety of strokes. It is his highest first-class cricket score—his previous best being 193 runs for Gujarat against Maharashtra in the 1931-32 season.

Umrigar, who joins Hazare and Merchant as the only Indians who have scored a double century against English teams, was within sight of Hazare's record of 244 by an Indian against an English XI when the innings was closed.

Hazare's 244 runs was made against Yorkshire in 1946 when he and Merchant established the previous best stand in England with 322 runs for the fourth wicket.

WITH A VENGEANCE
The Indian captain came back to form with a vengeance, scoring over 100 runs more than his previous best innings this summer. His cover driving was the best seen for many a day. He hit 29 fours and batted 225 minutes for his 161 runs.

Oxford fielded untiringly and often brilliantly and their bowlers stuck manfully to their task in the heat.
The University lost three wickets all to Shinde in scoring 78 runs off the arrears of 171 before the close.

It was massacre until tea when the Indian cricketers declared at 338 runs for three wickets in response to Oxford's 227 runs.

The statistically minded would have found much food for thought in the day's play, but the most pleasing and relieving feature for the Indians was the return to form of Hazare after a run of bad scores and failures.

Hazare and Umrigar came together when three wickets were down for only 32 runs and they proceeded to make mincemeat of the bowling in a manner which realised 306 in 225 minutes.

Umrigar's double century included three scoring sixes and a large number of fours. He also achieved the additional and most enviable distinction of making 100 runs before lunch. Hazare was credited with 29 boundaries, 13 through the covers.

TREMBLEND POWER
Quick with the eye and free with the hand, Hazare displayed tremendous power into strokes which sped to the boundary, giving the fieldsmen no hope. He concentrated on the hook and drive early in his innings, but later burst out with grand straight drives and cross-country shots.

Jowett, Mitchell and Cowdrey yielded runs to batsmen whose last footwork and last thought were made run-getting on a fast pitch almost automatic. Very few balls were allowed to pass the bat and the first extra did not come till the board showed 297 runs.

Hazare reached his first 100 runs, scored in two hours and 20 minutes, with his 204th run—an exquisite cover drive.

Oxford fielded manfully, otherwise the total might have been doubled.
Oxford took the new ball after 300 runs had been scored off 60 overs. Coutts and Coxon, in spite of their exertions in the field, kept a good length and with their colleagues, set untiring the scoring rate slackened.

Nevertheless, it was only a run for the fourth wicket, but soon they broke again, with more boundaries through the covers.

When he reached 161 runs, Umrigar passed his highest score in first-class cricket.

The relentless punishment of the plucky University bowlers continued. Umrigar reached 200 runs in three hours and 34 minutes and had then hit 33 fours and sixes.

The third wicket stand of 366 runs in 225 minutes, and then when the total reached 356 the partnership became a record for an Indian touring side.

The pair were still unbeaten at tea.

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CHINESE "Y" SHUTTLERS BEATEN ONLY BY BANGKOK CLUB IN SAIGON SERIES

By "ARGONAUT"

The local Senior League Champions, Chinese YMCA Badminton Club, completed their Saigon series yesterday, winning three out of their four matches there and losing one.

Their only defeat came from the Unity Badminton Club of Bangkok, who were originally scheduled to play a series of matches in Hongkong last month. Played on the Thomas Cup system over a two-day period before a packed open-air stadium at Saigon, the Y's were able to annex only one of the nine games, losing by 1-8.

HOLE-IN-ONE

Robert A. Thompson has the honour of being the first golfer to hole out in one at the Deep Water Bay Course during the current Summer season. His feat at the 8th hole on May 21 was suitably celebrated in the clubhouse, where a recently presented Hole-in-one Trophy was used for the first time.

Lawn Bowls

Recreio Beat Indians In First Division Match

In a First Division Lawn Bowls League match played on Wednesday, Club de Recreio upheld their reputation as the hottest favourites for the Senior League title by defeating the holders, Indian Recreation Club, by four points to one.

In the Second Division, Indian Recreation Club by 4½ beat Filipino Club by 1½ points to ½ and in the Third Division the Indians were also the winners over the Filipino Club by 3½ points to 1½.

THE SCORES
First Division
Recreio 4-1RC 1

A. P. Pereira, C. Roza, Pereira, C. Pereira and J. V. Tubero beat A. R. A. Rahman, K. M. Omar, K. M. Rumanjani and U. A. Rumanjani, 10-15.

G. A. Guterres, F. X. M. Silva, I. F. Xavier, and J. M. Noronha lost to M. I. Raneek, S. Yusuf, I. Ali, and M. B. Hassan, 10-23.

A. A. Lopes, E. M. Alarcoun, C. E. Passos, and J. A. Luz beat A. R. Minto, J. Hoosen, A. M. Omar and A. K. Minto, 23-21.

2nd Division
FO ½ - IRC "A" 4½
J. W. Lee, I. C. Castro, F. G. 2a Lux and C. A. Coelho lost to A. R. Abbas, S. H. Khan, A. B. Kitchell and A. R. Razack, 14-22.

W. F. Chang, V. A. Ribeiro, H. J. Nofonina and R. Bata drew with S. O. Bux, K. Nazarin, A. H. Seguin and A. M. Wahab, 17-17.

Colony triple champion Ramon Young was responsible for the only game for the "Y" with a 17-14, 15-8 win over the Bangkok No. 2 singles player, Mee Chern Tenk.

The Bangkok Champion, Didek Khajad Baye, defeated Ramon Young by 15-12, 15-12 and C. K. Lee by 15-10 and 15-8.

MARKED SUPERIORITY
The Siamese players displayed marked superiority in the Doubles, winning all the four matches fairly comfortably.

The Hongkong players suffered from the handicap of being unaccustomed to playing on an open-air court and, with a constant breeze blowing during the game, were forced into innumerable errors.

There were occasions when they completely missed the shuttle when serving. The Bangkok players adopted the loss service, with the shuttle close to the racket, with distinct advantage.

The local players are of the opinion that under ideal court conditions, Hongkong has a slight edge over the Siamese in Singles, but in the Doubles, where the Siamese are much speedier, better combined and amazing retrievers.

FULL RESULTS
Hongkong CYMCA 3-Saigon & Cholon Combined 0.
Men's Singles: Ramon Young beat Fung Chang Mok (Singles Champion of Cholon & Saigon), 15-9, 15-10.

Men's Doubles: Patrick Wong & C. K. Lee beat Lam Chee Fai & Lam Chee Ming (S. & C.), 15-1, 15-1.

Men's Doubles: Ramon Young & W. F. Foo beat Yung Yip Chung & Ho Tat Keung (S. & C.), 15-4, 15-9.

Chinese Y. won by 3-0.
EXHIBITION MATCHES
Doubles: Winnie Cheung & Mrs. Wai Kee-yan beat Ullan Khoo & Dorothy Lam, 21-14.

French Tennis Tournament
Paris, May 22.
Felicissimo Ampon, the diminutive Philippines No. 1 player, reached the last 16 in the Men's Singles of the French Tennis Championships here today.

In the third round he eliminated Bernard Destremau, top-ranked French player, in a marathon five-set duel.

Ampon ran out winner by 5-7, 6-0, 7-9, 6-3, 7-5—a really fine performance by the agile Filipino.

One other player to reach the last 16 today was the Australian ace, Frank Sedgman, who was near top form in beating the French international, Roger Dubuc, 6-1, 6-3, 8-1.

Dick Savitt, of the United States, showed glimpses of the form which won him the Wimbledon title last year in defeating Frenchman Marcel Scholt in the second round by 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.—Reuter.

EXHIBITION MATCHES
Mixed Doubles: Winnie Cheung & Ramon Young beat Ullan Khoo & Patrick Wong, 21-18.

Hongkong CYMCA 1, Bangkok Unity Club 8.
Men's Singles: Ramon Young lost to Didek Khajad Baye (U), 12-15, 12-15.

C. K. Lee lost to Mee Chern Teng (U), 10-13, 15-7, 10-15.

Men's Doubles: Ramon Young & W. F. Foo lost to Sunthorn Sophaphan & Kho Tang Jui (U), 9-15, 5-15.

Patrick Wong & C. K. Lee lost to Kim Hui Neepradee & Kamol Sutvanit (U), 9-15, 15-18.

Men's Singles: W. F. Foo lost to Kho Tang Jui (U), 6-15, 13-18.

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Men's Doubles: Ramon Young & Foo Wah-fung lost to Kim Hui Neepradee & Kamol Sutvanit (U), 3-15, 7-15.

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★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★ The Awkward Age for a blonde



Paris.
"At 18, I was on my way to Paris. At 19 I was a has-been. At 20 I made a comeback. When do you suppose I'll be a star?"

In four sentences there is summed up the career of 23-year-old Marilyn Monroe who, Hollywood has decided, is to be the model blonde of 1952.

The name is not yet familiar in England, although in 12 months her film rating has risen faster than the cost of living. The decision to concentrate on her bit part in "All About Eve" as George Sanders' girl friend.

Then Hollywood noted with pleasure that the troops in Korea were placing a high premium on her skills as additions to the wallpaper.

TORRID TYPE
But where else in the Hollywood tradition does Miss Monroe, once plain Norma Jean Baker, fit?

Is she to be groomed as the kind sort of girl who makes men want to rush off and join the Foreign Legion to forget their she is still a long way behind?

Or maybe she will try for a place in the new score of Hollywood actresses with sharp tongues and satiric script-writers.

But Judy Holliday is there already, and Jan Sterling has had her nose rubbed in her own glamour. Maybe Miss Monroe's safest bet would be to stay as a pin-up. She brings to the task the statutory measurements (height 5 ft. 3 in.; bust 37 ins.; waist 23 in.).

GARBO-STYLE
★ GRETA GARBO, in Paris, is still faithful to her fashion, although it came as a surprise that those sack-like clothes, droop hats, and the rest are actually designed for her in New York.

Miss Garbo, dark glasses well in evidence, has something definite to say, for a change: "There is no reason for people to see or recognise me. I shall make no more films—ever."

Don't anyone care?
★ INCLUDE IT OUT
★ PREDICTION: That Sam Goldwyn's "Hans And Gretchen" film, which at one time was to have starred Norma Shearer, will not include an American story "The Red Shoes" which as a film, did star Miss Shearer.

SHOW TALK
★ WHAT IS the cafe gossip around Paris today?
The French actor Claude Dauphin tells the sad tale of his shoes when he stayed for the first time in an American hotel. He put them outside his door to be cleaned at night and the porter, not knowing the European custom, threw them away.

George Raft, finding he couldn't have a TV set in his hotel room here said: "That's silly—I hope it stays that way."
What did the French admire most about "Streets" said Marion Brando when he was here? The muscles in his back.

David Lewin's Spotlight IN PARIS

hips, 34 ins.), plus blue eyes and blonde hair.

All the best pin-ups have been blonde, from the days of Jean Harlow to Lana Turner and Betty Grable.

But Darryl Zanuck, one of the cinema's shrewdest showmen, told me in Paris that this girl has talent too. And Mr. Zanuck is not often wrong.

So the Monroe career continued at high pressure. It started at 18 in a Groucho Marx film. At 19 she lost her first contract. Then "All About Eve" and big parts opposite Cary Grant, Richard Widmark, and Paul Douglas.

To complete the promotion of the model blonde, it has been decided to star her as Jean Harlow in the life story of that model blonde.

And acting? That could be discussed later. Miss Monroe could always dye her hair.

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CLARK GABLE (in Paris) SAYS:
YES, I WOULD MARRY A FIFTH TIME IF—

From DAVID LEWIN: Paris, Monday

"THIS guy Gable is pretty lucky," said Clark Gable in Paris tonight. "Lucky in films—and, well, you might also say lucky in love."

The much-married Mr Gable (there have been four Mrs Gables in a 28-year stretch) is in Paris for a holiday before going to England to make two films.

NO SECRET
In his penthouse hotel suite tonight he curled his body on to a settee, clutched a drink in a heavy fist, and said: "I'd marry again if I knew the right girl and if she'd say 'Yes'. I'm not too old or grey or set-in my ways to say no to marriage a fifth time."

"But don't ask me for advice on staying married," he wouldn't know the secret. "I must have learned something, since I married the first time in 1924 (that was to dramatics teacher Josephine Dillon), but I couldn't define it."

"Sure, I've been unhappy, too, at times. After marriage has failed. But you can't stand around being miserable."

"Some people may say I'm a crusty old man—but I take life easily. I like to get away and relax with a few of the boys, and fish or ride—I've two horses—or swim, or just laze around. I keep fit and get along that way."

Clark Gable, with the moustache (he grew it in 1933), the dimples in his cheeks, the toothpaste white teeth and the low voice, is 51, now, and has been "getting along" on the screen as a leading man for 20 years.

"I wouldn't know how to start describing myself," he said. "I'm not a pretty boy, but I seem to have been given many beautiful women to play, opposite me in pictures."

His list ranges from Jean Harlow to Carole Lombard (wife No. 3) to Vivien Leigh, and Claudette Colbert.

HAVING FUN
Although he has no philosophy for success in marriage, he has a definite line on life.

"Having fun is sense," he says. "If you can't laugh now and then you are not much good."

"Some people worry about clothes or how the next race is going to finish. I'm happy if I have a jacket and a clean pair of trousers; and when I do bet on a race, I consider the money as spent before the race is run."

"I aim to retire in 1955 and take it easier. Until then, I'll have a money and a clean pair of trousers; and when I do bet on a race, I consider the money as spent before the race is run."

"I should have enough money to see me through my golf and my fishing, even though tax does take a lot."

His earnings are around the £1,000 a week mark every week, and if there are challenges on the film horizon, Clark Gable just smiles and welcomes them.

UNFORTUNATE
The smile left the Gable face, he talked about wife No. 4, the former Sylvia Lady Stanley. The marriage was dissolved recently.

"That was unfortunate," he said. "The fault was not all on one side. It might have been a mistake to go into marriage thinking of divorce."

On thing in his career jolted the Gable philosophy of happiness. That was the death of Carole Lombard in a plane crash in 1942.

"Was she the ideal you have been trying to find ever since?" I asked.

Gable frowned: "It's foolish to attempt to match an ideal."

Gable, the dominating male on the screen, declined a phone invitation to dine out. "I think I'll have an early night," he said. "But Paris is a gay city, eh? I like it here because you can be casual. That's the life for me."

—(London Express Service)

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CLASH OF CHAMPIONS AND EX-CHAMPIONS IN TOP QUARTER OF AMATEUR OPEN

Prestwick, Scotland, May 22.
The way the draw for the British Amateur Golf Championship has worked, out will lend weight to the arguments of those critics who favour "seeding" as in lawn tennis.

The top quarter of the draw for the championships, which began here on May 20, is packed with "big names" while the rest of the draw includes only a few recognised stars.

In the top section are Dick Chapman, last season's American holder, Bill Maxwell, United States National Champion, while two former champions, Alex Kyle (Britain) and Robert Sweeney (America) are in opposition.

The Irish international, Joe Carr, meets the South African

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The way the draw for the British Amateur Golf Championship has worked, out will lend weight to the arguments of those critics who favour "seeding" as in lawn tennis.

The top quarter of the draw for the championships, which began here on May 20, is packed with "big names" while the rest of the draw includes only a few recognised stars.

In the top section are Dick Chapman, last season's American holder, Bill Maxwell, United States National Champion, while two former champions, Alex Kyle (Britain) and Robert Sweeney (America) are in opposition.

The Irish international, Joe Carr, meets the South African

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 31st May
"SOOCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 1st June
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"TAIPING"	Sydney & Melbourne	16th June

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIYUAN"	Molli	In Port
"TAIYANG"	Australia & Manila	27th May
"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	1st June
"TAIPING"	Kobe	13th June

SCHEDULED SAILINGS TO EUROPE VIA ADEN & PORT SAID

"AUTOMEDON"	Genua, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	27th May
"CALCHAS"	Liverpool & Dublin	29th May
"PYRRIUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th June
"BELLEROPHON"	Dublin & Liverpool	20th June
"CYCLOPS"	Jeddah, London & Rotterdam	27th June

SCHEDULED SAILINGS FROM EUROPE

Ship	From	Arrives Hong Kong
G. "BELLEROPHON"	Liverpool	31st May
S. "CYCLOPS"	do	10th June
G. "FELEUS"	do	17th June
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	do	23rd June
G. "AUTOLYCUS"	25th May	1st July
S. "ANCHISES"	5th June	11th July
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FROM	DUE
"BENMACDUIH"	Japan 28th May
"BENVORLICH"	U.K. via Singapore on or abt. 6th June
"BENWYVIS"	U.K. via Singapore 13th June
"BENLOMOND"	U.K. via B.N. Borneo 19th July
"BENALBANACH"	U.K. via Singapore 25th July
"BENAVON"	U.K. via Singapore 30th July

SAILINGS

FROM	DUE
"BENMACDUIH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London, and Antwerp 30th May
"BENVORLICH"	Kure, Yokohama, and Kobe 10th June
"BENWYVIS"	Havre, Liverpool, Glasgow and Antwerp 16th June
"BENLOMOND"	Direct to Singapore, thence Avonmouth, Liverpool, Rotterdam and Hull 9th July
"BENALBANACH"	London, Rotterdam and Hamburg 11th July
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North Carolina Expected To Back Russell

New York, May 22. Democrats in the southern State of North Carolina met today to choose the delegates who will cast their 32 votes for the presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention.
Most delegates are expected to favour Senator Russell of Georgia. But supporters of Senator Kefauver of Tennessee have set up headquarters at the State convention in Raleigh to "plug" Senator Kefauver in case Senator Russell does not win the nomination.
Senator Kefauver has at present more votes than any other Democratic candidate announced but he is still far short of the 610 needed to win the nomination.—Reuter.

Korea Relief Goods

The second batch of relief goods for Chinese refugees in Korea is to leave Keelung for Pusan tomorrow. The shipment includes 100,000 cwt of rice and clothing.—Reuter.

NOTICE

We take pleasure in announcing our appointment of Messrs. Kowloon Motors of 620A Nathan Road, Kowloon in the city of Hong Kong, as our sole agents for the "Astron Blowers" and our other electrical products in the territories of Hong Kong and the Far East.

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Import Licensing Policy Criticised In Canberra

Canberra, May 22. The Opposition leader, Dr Herbert Evatt, initiated a debate in the House of Representatives today attacking the Government's Sterling import licensing policy which was applied on March 8.

Urging a review of the restrictions, Dr Evatt said that the supreme test in the operation of the restrictions was to make the essential character of the goods imported the primary test for entry. No other test was equitable.

He suggested an all-Party parliamentary committee be formed to examine the restrictions and to remove anomalies.

There was need to ensure equal treatment for all goods of the same degree of essentiality.

Dr Evatt, who had earlier said that there was evidence of trafficking in licences, said that the present licensing system invited trafficking because it placed in a specially strong position importers who during 1950-51 had obtained considerable importations.

They were given the right to use percentage allocations although they were heavily overstocked or were financially unable to handle profitably the quotas allocated to them.

LOSS OF PRESTIGE

Others on the other hand, might be desperately in need of additional imports to meet competition and therefore, were bound to try to obtain their requirements from these possessing quotas.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. A. W. Fadden, replying, said "that licensing was necessary to ensure that overseas funds did not go below the level necessary to pay for imports."

It was better, he said, to lose a little prestige now by "honouring a few contracts rather than to lose off prestige later by an inability to honour all contracts."

Australian Food Survey Warning

Melbourne, May 22. The Australian Primary Producers' Union, which months ago warned the nation that future hunger may be the price of cheap food in the past, has published a survey showing a sharp drop in the production of Australian meat, crops and eggs.

According to the survey: There are fewer than 500,000 people in primary industry to feed a population of 8,500,000.

Crops last year were down 3.79 per cent on the previous year.

There are now only 0.39 cows a head of population compared with 0.46 in 1939.

Mutton production is down 20 per cent, lamb 26 per cent and pig-meats six per cent. Beef and veal alone rose last year but the overall meat position has worsened.

Shell egg production is down 13,000,000 dozen a year.—Reuter.

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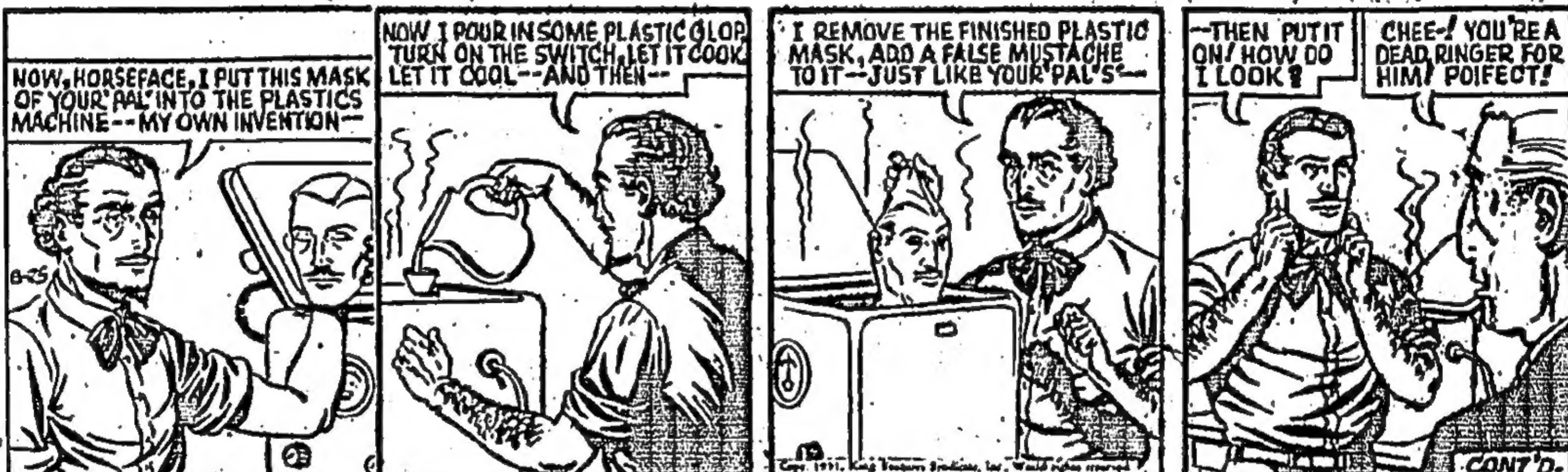
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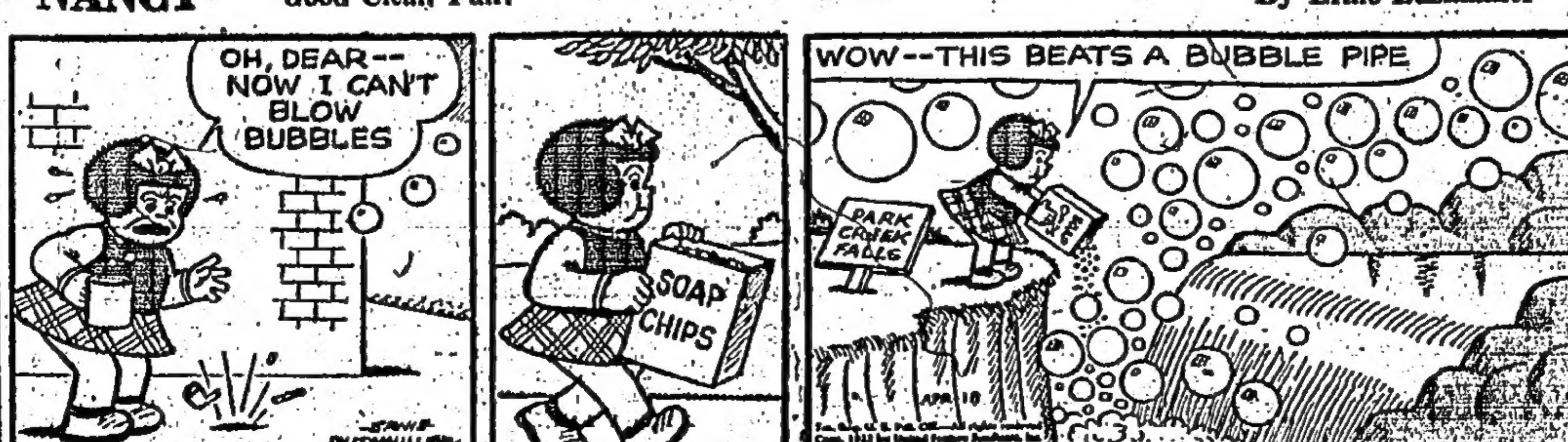
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American Aid For French Steel Plan

Washington, May 22. The Mutual Security Agency today announced that it had approved the allocation of \$8,474,000 for the Solac Steel Combine, to be used in modernizing and expanding a light flat-rolled steel production plant in Northwestern France.

MSA said this was to be part of a hot strip mill which would annually produce an estimated 800,000 to 1,000,000 tons of products for the rearmament of Western Europe.

It is a project of the Solac Steel Combine, a combination of nine French steel companies. The exact situation of the plant was not mentioned, but the announcement said "Solac was building a completely integrated steel works, except for blast furnaces, at Hayange and Esange, a few miles from the Saar and Luxembourg. The plants would employ 9,500 workers.

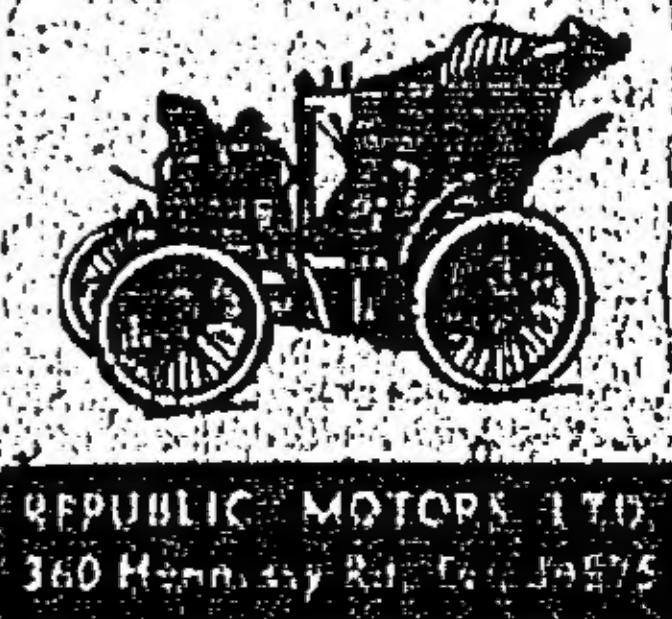
Earlier, the Economic Cooperation Administration, predecessor of MSA, had allocated \$49,800,000 to this Solac project as part of the Marshall Plan.—United Press.

French Carrier In Singapore

Singapore, May 22. The French aircraft carrier, Arromanches, on its way back to France after six months' service in Indo-China, arrived in Singapore yesterday.

The carrier was based in the Red River and its 39 aircraft have flown more than 1,500 operational sorties into Indo-China. The Arromanches is accompanied by the supply ship Le Maun. Both ships are leaving today for Marseilles.—Reuter.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 31st May, 1952, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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Paying Less For Cotton

London, May 22.
The prices of Egyptian and Sudanese cotton sold to Lancashire textile mills have been reduced by 4d. a pound because of the change in taxes on raw cotton announced recently by the Egyptian Government.

Sales of Egyptian staple have been so small that prices will have to be kept low if the Egyptian growers are to dispose of their stocks, trade circles said.

The attitude of buyers is hampered by the possibility of a further drop in prices and chances of buying cotton cheaper.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$183,835. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HSBC 141
N. P. 105
N. P. 105
N. P. 105

INSURANCE
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UTILITIES
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LAND, ETC.
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INDUSTRIALS
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STOCKS, ETC.
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COTTONS
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EWING
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The Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 22.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, 83 1/2-84 1/2

Number 2 rubber, 80 1/2-81 1/2

Number 3 rubber, 77 1/2-78 1/2

Number 4 rubber, 75 1/2-76 1/2

Spot rubber, unbleached, 83-84 1/2

Blanket crepe, 84-85 1/2

No. 1 pale crepe, 87 1/2-88 1/2

NEW YORK MARKET
New York, May 22.

Prices of rubber futures closed today 20 to 30 higher with sales totalling 71 contracts.

Prices closed as follows:

September, 27 1/2 nominal

October, 27 1/2 nominal

November, 27 1/2 nominal

December, 27 1/2 nominal

January (1953), 27 1/2 nominal

February, 27 1/2 nominal

March, 27 1/2 nominal

April, 27 1/2 nominal

May, 27 1/2 nominal

June, 27 1/2 nominal

July, 27 1/2 nominal

August, 27 1/2 nominal

United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 15.50

Swiss franc (per 100) 15.50

Indonesian guilders (per 100) 3.10

Siam baht (per 100) 3.10

Singapore (S) (per 100) 12.35

FIC plaques (per 100) 12.35

United Press.

Seeds And Oils

New York, May 22.

Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exception:

Flax Seed, per bushel, F.O.B. Minneapolis, \$3.96 1/2.—United Press.

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Industrialist Calls For Bold Change In UK Economic Policy

London.
Call for a change in the country's economic and trade policy and a closer link with the Commonwealth countries, was made by Lord Balfour of Inchrye, chairman of the Empire Industries Association, speaking in Manchester.

Lord Balfour, who was addressing the National Union of Manufacturers, said that the emergency measures taken by the Chancellor of the Exchequer were not enough.

They could defer but did not prevent the long string of economic crises endured one after another since 1946.

"We need a bold policy aimed at putting Britain's economy on a broader and stronger foundation than we have been resting upon for the past 100 years," he said.

"For a century we have accepted an unbalanced economy, trusting to assumed competitive efficiency to secure needs of foreign imports, paid for by our manufactured exports."

"Now the world is narrowed down by determination of other nations to balance their own economies."

"Their competitive power has grown, while at the same time they have sought to exclude competitive British products."

Lord Balfour went on to observe that only in a policy of Commonwealth and Colonial development could Britain and permanent economic safety.

Within the British Commonwealth wealth existed all material and human resources required for progressive building up of an economy capable of producing a unit large enough to give an internal balance between elements of primary and industrial production and thus stimulating continuous expansion within the borders of this Commonwealth sterling area.

FALSE POLICIES
"International theorists deride this view as restrictionist and insular. They forget that one after another their economic prophecies have proved false and the policies they have followed have proved failures."

"They told us it only we would accept the 1946 American loan, with its provisions for convertibility of the pound to the dollar; its monstrous acceptance of the final abolition of Imperial Preference, and its cruel limitations to Empire trade, we should succeed in breathing life into the long-dead corpse of a free trade world, buried after the First World War but still dear in memory to the planners."

"Today, we have spent the 1946 loan, spent Marshall Aid, spent European aid."

"Dollars are as short as ever; tariffs as high and restrictions as great."

"We still live in the same crisis atmosphere, unable to earn enough dollars by exports to pay for the dollar imports, which, unfortunately, unnecessarily and mistakenly we still have to rely on."

SAFEGUARD NEEDED
"I have recently travelled through the U.S.A. from the Atlantic to the Pacific and talked to many politicians and industrialists," he continued.

"An earnest case was made for British products bites deep into the U.S.A. market. American makers of that particular line will quickly lobby in Washington to raise their protective tariff. At the first signs of trade recession will go the cry for more tariff protection."

In two or three years American rearmament would have reached its peak. It might be followed by recession with a sharp decline in American imports and a glut of American exports. If that happened Britain would be thrown on her economic beam ends, as in 1930, unless, meanwhile, we had adopted a long-range policy which safeguarded our trade and industry against that danger.

"At odds, we must free ourselves from restrictions which prevent Britain following her own chosen ways of consolidating import and export trade along channels mutually advantageous to ourselves and our partners," Lord Balfour declared.

"We must undo the damage done by the theorists who have tied Britain to the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. This instrument, more than any other, deprives Britain of her freedom to develop Commonwealth and Colonial trade as she must do in order to achieve economic safety."

New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 22.

Faced by railroad and industrial shares, prices on the stock exchange have picked up about \$770,000,000 in valuation since May 2.

Rails picked up fractions to over four points. Metals, particularly copper, showed strength with gains over a point. Chemicals were up a point or two.

Oils firmed. Steels and motors were featured.

Dealings increased to 1,370,000 shares. Of 1,000 issues traded, 603 advanced, 230 declined and 263 were unchanged.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:

30 Industrials 263.33

20 rails 96.88

15 utilities 49.72

40 bonds 107.15

United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, May 22.

Japanese bonds, 7 1/2%

"A" (4% of 1950) 121 1/2

"B" (4% of 1951) 121 1/2

"C" (4% of 1952) 121 1/2

"D" (4% of 1953) 121 1/2

"E" (4% of 1954) 121 1/2

Consols, 107 1/2—United Press.

NY Pepper Market

New York, May 22.

In the pepper market, spot material was indicated at around \$1.34, adv. \$1.33, May \$1.32, adv. \$1.31, June \$1.22, adv. \$1.21, July \$1.18, adv. \$1.17, all on an ex-cork basis.—United Press.

Copro Quotation

New York, May 22.

Copro was quoted today at \$127.50 per short ton nominal. Coconut oil was quoted at 8 1/2 cents a pound, asked.—United Press.

Foreign Exchanges In NY

New York, May 22.

Canada—official 1.00, unofficial 1.00

England—official 1.00, unofficial 1.00

20-day futures 1.00, 60-day futures 1.00

Australia 1.00, New Zealand 1.00

South Africa 1.00, Portugal 1.00

Denmark 1.00, France 1.00

West Germany 1.00, Holland 1.00

Italy 1.00, Norway 1.00

Sweden 1.00, Switzerland 1.00

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt 1.00, Iran 1.00

Turkey 1.00, Argentina 1.00

Brazil 1.00, Bolivia 1.00

Chile 1.00, Colombia 1.00

Cuba 1.00, Mexico 1.00

Puerto Rico 1.00, Uruguay 1.00

Venezuela 1.00, FAR EAST

India 1.00, Pakistan 1.00

Hongkong 1.00, Indonesia 1.00

Singapore 1.00, Japan 1.00

360 yen to US\$1—United Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, May 22.

Prices of grain futures were steady to firm.

Wheat futures closed 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher and soybeans 4 1/2 to 5 1/4 higher. Prices closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel

Spot 2.42 1/2

May 2.43 1/2

July 2.44 1/2

September 2.45 1/2

December 2.46 1/2

March 2.47 1/2

May 2.48 1/2

July 2.49 1/2

September 2.50 1/2

December 2.51 1/2

March 2.52 1/2

May 2.53 1/2

July 2.54 1/2

September 2.55 1/2

December 2.56 1/2

March 2.57 1/2

May 2.58 1/2

July 2.59 1/2

September 2.60 1/2

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Polish Ship Chartered By Chinese

Colombo, May 22.—Chinese rubber buyers have chartered the Polish vessel Jednos to take 6,500 tons of Ceylon rubber to their country, according to well-informed sources here.

The Jednos is expected to arrive in Colombo in ballast on May 24, her agents told Reuters today.

Another Polish vessel, Kilmarnock, left here with 4,700 tons of Ceylon rubber for China last Monday, Reuters.

Germans To Sue King Farouk

Hamburg, May 22.—Dr. Hans Langguth, lawyer for the German Physicians Association, said today that he will make a claim for King Farouk on Saturday for £235,000 on behalf of German rocket experts who worked in Egypt.

He said, "Several German rocket experts, with contracts from the former Egyptian Government which resigned early this year, were mistreated, threatened, illegally expelled or arrested after the new Government came into office. Egyptian Police confiscated or destroyed their property, including documents on rocket research."

Dr. Langguth, who did not disclose the number of Germans affected by the alleged measures, suggested that the Egyptian Government should arrange negotiations with the German organization through the Egyptian Ambassadors in Paris or Vienna.

"If the Egyptian Government fails to do so, we shall send protests against the inhuman treatment of the German scientists to the German as well as to the British Government and to the United Nations," Reuters.

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NEW LIGHT THROWN ON BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF

Washington, May 22.—A new history of World War II says that Admiral William B. (Bull) Halsey fell victim to a Japanese ruse because he placed too much evidence in his naval pilots' claims of damage to the enemy fleet.

This sidelight on the battle for Leyte Gulf is in "History of Marine Corps Aviation in World War II," which goes on sale tomorrow. It was written for the Marine Corps by Robert Sherrod, a war correspondent of Time magazine, and published by the Combat Forces Press.

Admiral Halsey's warplanes sank one battleship and damaged two other battleships and two cruisers in Vice-Admiral Takao Kurita's forces as they tried to come through the San Bernardino Strait in the Philippines on October 23, 1944. His pilots claimed they inflicted much more damage.

"But Halsey didn't wait around to evaluate his pilots' claims," says the history. "His reconnaissance planes had spotted (Vice) Admiral (Jisaburo) Ozawa coming down from the North and the carriers were what Halsey was looking for—he had no way of knowing that they were only decoys. So he took off for the North and, due to an egregious misunderstanding, he neglected to let Admiral (Thomas) Kinkaid know that he was taking all of Task Force 38 with him."

Another Japanese fleet then slipped up on Kinkaid's lightly-protected transport and ground support forces and sank three destroyers and a small aircraft carrier. Because of poor intelligence on the helplessness of the US naval forces in Leyte Gulf, the Japanese admiral broke off action while just beyond range of the "sitting duck" American troop transports.

The Marine Corps Aviation History says that combat fliers on both sides in the Pacific War were guilty of "consistent over-claiming" about the damage they inflicted. "Some of the claims were ridiculous," says the book. "Marine Corps aviators made honest claims about some ships they did not sink and some planes they did not shoot down, but their record of accuracy appears to compare very favorably with that of other Services."—United Press.

Discovery By Medical Officers

London, May 22.—It looks as though tattooing can pass along certain virus diseases, according to a report based on cases in a Hongkong hospital.

Three British medical officers today reported in the British Journal that they noticed in a hospital in Hongkong that more than a third of the cases with inflammation of the liver had been tattooed. They concluded the tattoo needle might well have spread the virus.

They pointed out that when men get tattooed, the needle usually is not sterilised before being used on the next customer.—United Press.

Latest Story Of Missing Diplomat

London, May 22.—The London evening newspaper Star reported on its front page tonight that Donald Maclean, one of the two British diplomats who vanished mysteriously a year ago, had recently flown to Britain.

The paper, quoting no sources for its information, said that Maclean's visit to England, which lasted several weeks, was made in great secrecy.

"He is reported to have stayed at a small hotel in the Torbay, South-West England, and to have left for Brussels two weeks ago," the paper said.

A Foreign Office spokesman said, "We have no knowledge whatsoever of any such visit by Maclean."

The story appeared within a few days of the anniversary of the biggest diplomatic mystery of the century.

On Saturday, May 25, 1951, Maclean and Guy Burgess, both British Foreign Office officials, reached St. Malo, France, by a cross-Channel steamer and disappeared.

Since then the combined efforts of the Secret Services of Western Europe have failed to trace them.

The Star, saying that Maclean landed in the West of England from a small privately-owned plane, added, "Although both men are still officially reported missing, several recent developments suggest that the authorities now know their whereabouts and the full circumstances behind their disappearance."

Commenting on the Star's report, the Foreign Office tonight said, "The position is the same as before. It has not altered."—Reuters.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00 Programme Summary: 6.02 Children's Half Hour—Jennings of Children by Anthony Duerden (by radio) 6.30 Contests by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Ling and Miss Lee (Studio) 6.35. Current Affairs (Studio) 6.40. London Radio (Studio) 6.45. London Radio (Studio) 6.50. London Radio (Studio) 6.55. London Radio (Studio) 7.00. London Radio (Studio) 7.05. London Radio (Studio) 7.10. London Radio (Studio) 7.15. London Radio (Studio) 7.20. London Radio (Studio) 7.25. London Radio (Studio) 7.30. London Radio (Studio) 7.35. London Radio (Studio) 7.40. London Radio (Studio) 7.45. London Radio (Studio) 7.50. London Radio (Studio) 7.55. London Radio (Studio) 8.00. London Radio (Studio) 8.05. London Radio (Studio) 8.10. London Radio (Studio) 8.15. London Radio (Studio) 8.20. London Radio (Studio) 8.25. London Radio (Studio) 8.30. London Radio (Studio) 8.35. London Radio (Studio) 8.40. London Radio (Studio) 8.45. London Radio (Studio) 8.50. London Radio (Studio) 8.55. 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